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Germania checks ordered returned

EDIC cites 'processing error'

ALTON — The first reimbursement checks were mailed last month for GermaniaBank investors stung by a 1987 "schnotte" scheme, but the victims had to return them.

"When I saw that check, I thought, this is the last of a trick," said James Stites, 68, of Alton, whose mother had received a check for \$381.41 in November. Stites' father had lost about \$20,000 in the schnotte scheme.

The checks had been issued by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and mailed from the Southwest Service Center.

Stites' optimism vanished Tuesday when he and his mother received an express mail letter from the FDIC asking them to return the checks. The FDIC said the checks had been issued because of a "processing error."

But the attorney for the Germania customers said his clients are being asked to return money that is rightfully theirs.

Rod Pitts, who is representing Germania "schnotte" buyers cheated out of millions of dollars, said Wednesday he will not advise his

clients to return court-ordered reimbursement money. He will leave it up to them.

A spokesman is the FDIC Washington office said Wednesday that the victims were mistakenly moved up the priority list of creditors in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

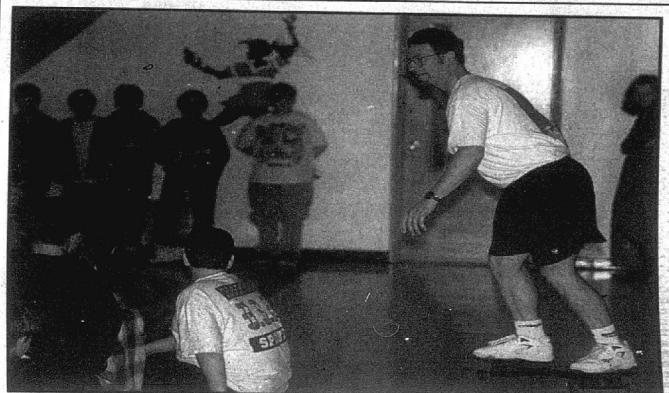
U.S. District Judge Paul Riley recently ruled the checks were to be paid at the same time as other creditors in the GermaniaBank case. FDIC lawyers appealed the ruling, which should have delayed the payments, spokesman David Barr said.

FDIC spokesman said the agency maintains lists of creditors in a computer system and the schnotte creditors were moved up before the court case was decided.

"The matter had not worked its way through the system," he said. "It's a common occurrence, but unfortunately it did happen."

Local schnotte victims received notices this week that the FDIC had stopped payment on the checks. The agency also sent stamped

(See CHECKS, Page 7A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Expertise — Bill Bethurum of the National School Assemblies Creative Athletics program skates by the students of Mitchell School while showing them how to use a "snake board," a skateboard-like item that can be worked back and forth to propel it across the floor and steer it. Bethurum is a World Champion Footbag Freestyle. More photos on Page 2A.

New track is 'awesome,' Brazilian driver says

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Although he had just a quick look at the new oval race track at Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Brazilian IndyCar driver Christian Fittipaldi said it is an "awesome" project.

And the general public can now purchase tickets for the three major races scheduled for 1997.

The inaugural event for the new track will be the PPG Cup IndyCar

World Series race May 22-24. Fittipaldi — who races for the Budweiser and the Newman/Haas Racing teams — was on hand Friday to promote the track.

"I'm definitely going to be here," Fittipaldi said. "It's going to be right after Brazil. We go to Rio and come back here."

"Just from what I've seen and what people have told me, it's going to be an awesome project," he said. "We really need this kind of thing over here in America."

"It's going to be great for everyone...great for the fans, great for the city, and obviously great for the whole Indycar family," he said.

Fittipaldi said one of the attractions of motor racing is that it can be enjoyed by anybody.

"It's becoming a sport that everyone can take part in," he said. "No matter what your age or sex, you can always be a motor-racing fan."

Looking at the plans for the track, Fittipaldi said the two road courses

included in the plans will also be a big draw.

"That's exactly what we wanted the race track to be," he said. "If we need a track to go testing, we can eventually come here. I think it's awesome to have both options."

Gateway has been filling orders for tickets from fans on the track's mailing list, and tickets went on sale to the general public Friday.

Racetrack general manager Rod Wolter said track officials were

pleased with the response so far.

"We appreciate the patients, loyalty and enthusiasm of all the motorsports fans who have called us over the past few days," he said, requesting ticket information.

Wolter said, "We want to assure fans that the track will be afforded priority treatment."

Ticket prices for the IndyCar event range from \$10 for general admission on Thursday, May 22, to \$75 for adult reserved seating on race day.

(See TRACK, Page 3A)

Six in running to replace Shimkus

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus' replacement will likely be named this week after a Republican screening committee meets with as many as seven potential candidates.

Shimkus said he will sit on the committee that will interview the candidates Monday night at Godfrey Township. Each candidate will be interviewed for 15 minutes, during which time they can give a presentation, and then answer questions by committee members.

"These are all people who have expressed an interest and said they would like to meet with us," Shimkus said.

Names on the list include:

• Wes Tucker of Wood

River, Shimkus' chief deputy for two years and with the office for six years.

• Ted Prehn of Beloit, a Realtor who ran unsuccessfully in the state's 11th District two years ago in a close race against Rep. Steve Davis.

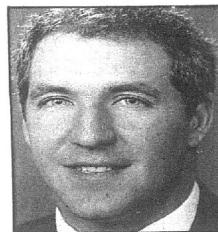
• Doug Mueller, the Godfrey Township supervisor.

• Mike Hostettler of Maryville, the Republican district chairman for Collingsville Township who has made bids for the village board.

• John Finnegan of Alton, who ran unsuccessfully for auditor last month.

• Veteran County Board member Bill Aery of Godfrey.

The name of County Board member Homer Henke, R-Moro, also has been "batted



John Shimkus

Attended Clinton fund-raiser Judge is reprimanded

A federal judge who came under fire after attending a \$1,000-a-plate dinner for President Clinton apparently ate on the tab of a prominent River lawyer.

U.S. District Judge Paul Riley of Glen Carbon and his wife attended the dinner in September at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in St. Louis as a guest of the Lake Law Firm.

Riley, who was appointed to the federal bench by Clinton in 1994, was reprimanded by the chief judge of the 7th Circuit U.S. District Court of Appeals for attending the function. The code of ethics for federal judges prohibits them from attending political fund-raisers.

Riley did not return phone calls Wednesday, but Thomas Lakin, whose firm has argued cases in Riley's court, said he did not personally invite Riley to the dinner or give him a ticket.

Lakin said he was a guest invited to the Democratic National Committee before Clinton's arrival in St. Louis and planned to attend the dinner with his family.

"I was not buying tickets for the dinner; I made a donation. I was alone," Lakin said. "The Midwest coordinator called my office before the dinner and told my secretary that the dinner had not sold out and for me to

I know Riley has said I gave him a ticket, but that is not the case. I did not receive any tickets."

— Thomas Lakin

invite whoever I wanted to fill the seats."

Lakin said he instructed the secretaries in his office to call friends and acquaintances to fill the vacancies.

"Judge Riley has said I gave him a ticket, but that is not the case," Lakin said. "I did not receive any tickets. The girls made the calls and put the names on a list, which was given the day of the fund raiser. Whoever was invited was supposed to go to the door and give their name."

Lakin said he had not even considered Riley as a guest.

"I didn't even think to call him, and I had no idea the girls called him," he said. "My secre-

tary was not there." (See JUDGE, Page 6A)

Pontoon considering changes

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A resolution changing the way Pontoon Beach handles bank deposits and other record-keeping functions was given first reading at Tuesday's village board meeting.

Finance Committee Chairman Gus Falter said the changes come out of recommendations by the village's auditor; he said he wanted to give other trustees a chance to look it over before acting on the matter.

Most ordinances and resolutions coming before the board are approved on the first reading.

"There has been a recommendation from the auditors for the past two years," Falter said Thursday.

The resolution would require the village clerk or deputy clerk to open all mail addressed to the village, prepare a list of cash and checks received, and prepare

the deposit slip. Deposits would be required on a daily basis.

Falter said Comptroller Lou Whitsell never makes deposits, and mail is split between the comptroller's and clerk's offices.

The clerk would also receive review bank statements and canceled checks before forwarding them to the village comptroller for final reconciliation.

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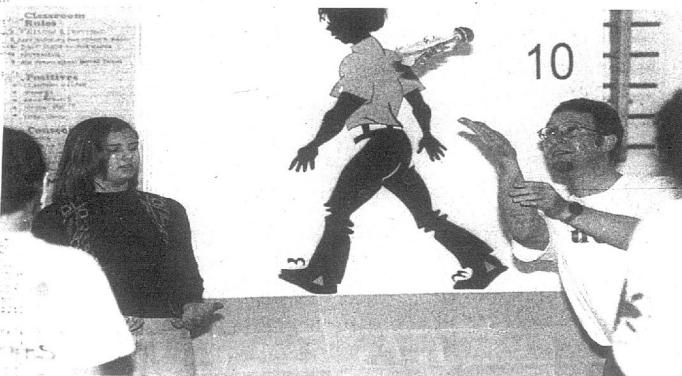
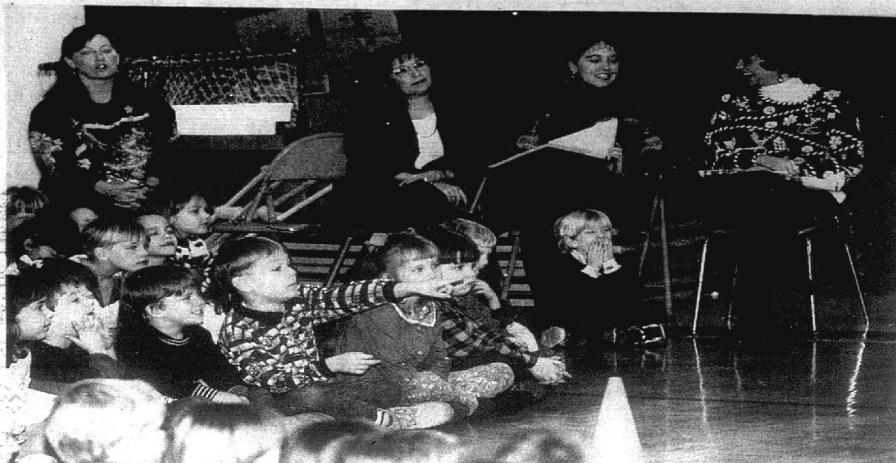
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Subdivision proposal gets tentative OK

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board on Tuesday gave tentative approval for a subdivision plan that would contain eight mobile homes on land near McDonough Lake Road.

The board gave its OK subject to the village's zoning's approval. The council also must review a variance for the home before final approval.

The 8-acre property would be subdivided into lots for double-wide mobile homes.

Mayor Glen Wilson and Trustee Mike Macek argued briefly about mobile home parks and zoning, and there was confusion about which village ordinance applied to the property.

Wait-Crowell requested the plot approval at the previous board meeting, but his request was denied because of concerns about flooding and zoning.

Village Attorney Keith Jensen said each lot needed to exceed 1 acre before mobile homes could be put there.

According to ordinances, mobile homes can only be put

in lots smaller than 1 acre when they are in mobile home parks, and Macek said he would not support creating another park because it would cause the village to receive less property tax.

In mobile home parks, the land is subject to property tax and each mobile home owner pays a sticker fee. Outside parks, both the land and mobile home are assessed.

In other business, Ed Thomas told the board he would seek to rezone 2 acres on Brookside Avenue.

Thomas said he planned to put about 20 senior citizen apartment units on the property.

The property is now occupied by a mobile home, which Thomas said would be removed.

The board also considered an application from an auto parts store for a business license on Illinois 162.

The business had already been operating. Macek said the store's application, called Granite City, had not told he did not need a license.

A final decision was tabled because of legal questions.

Trailway group cites Kane, others

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison County Transit District Manager Jerry Kane was one of four individuals and organizations recognized for outstanding efforts in building and promoting bicycle trails.

The award was presented by Gateway Trailnet at an awards banquet on Dec. 6 in St. Louis.

Also honored was the Edward D. Jones Co. for its efforts in promoting trails, including the proposed renovation of the old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Ted Curtis, executive director of Trailnet, said Kane was honored for the "outstanding contribution" he was making to the district by building local bicycle and pedestrian trails.

The district is now working on three major trail systems—the VadalaBene Trail from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to Horseshoe Lake State Park, the Seashore Trail from Troy to Granite City, and the Confluence Trail from Alton to East St. Louis.

When completed, these three trails will give Madison County almost 100 miles of bicycle trails, Curtis said.

"The things Jerry Kane is doing deserves a lot of

awards," Curtis added. The Edward D. Jones Co. was honored for its efforts in developing the Katy Trail, funding much of the trail's repairs after the 1993 flood, and in placing a \$100,000 in the Chain of Rocks Bridge project "at a very critical time."

The total cost of renovating the bridge is estimated at about \$3.4 million.

The city of Madison, which owns the bridge, recently received a \$200,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The city and Trailnet are working out arrangements on a long-term lease of the bridge, and a public hearing on the lease is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Madison City Hall.

Also honored at the banquet were County Auditor Nancy Americorps for the Riverfront Trail, Don Humphries and Cyclo St. Louis for their work in the Cicero community, and Gellman Graphics Design Inc. and Bill Schairer for supporting the organization.

Gateway Trailnet is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of greenways and the development of multi-use trail systems throughout the St. Louis region.

• Track

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The other major events scheduled for next year are the National Hot Rod Association's Craftsmen Nationals on June 26-29, and the NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division, on July 24-26.

For race day tickets, \$30 for adults and \$16 for children under 12 for rows 1-10; \$32 for adults and \$18 for children in rows 11-15; \$34 for adults and \$18 for children in rows 16-50.

For the NASCAR Busch Series, ticket prices are \$10 for general admission on Thursday, July 24; \$15 for general admission on Friday, July 25; adult tickets are \$32, \$42 and \$58, while children's tickets are \$17, \$27 and \$43.

For the NHRA Craftsman Nationals, ticket prices are \$10 for adult general admission/pit passes on Thursday, June 26, with children under 13 admitted free to general admission; \$25 for an adult general admission/pit pass and \$10 for a child age 6-12, with children under 6 admitted free; on Friday, June 27, tickets will cost \$40 for adult reserved seats, \$25 for children reserved seats.

On Sunday, June 29, reserved tickets cost \$52 for adults and \$25 for children 6-12.

General admission tickets on June 28-29 are \$35 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12, with children under six free.

Fans can order tickets or obtain ticket order forms by calling Gateway International Raceway at 462-5501 or by stopping by the track offices between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on Saturday weekend and next weekend. Credit card orders may also be faxed to 462-5505.

Parking at the racetrack is \$5 per day, and a garage pass is \$15. Recreational vehicles can be brought into the infield for a fee.

Tickets will be limited to a maximum of 25,000 seats for the NHRA event, and 45,000 to 50,000 for the IndyCar and NASCAR races.

"We are purposely limiting the available seating during our first year of operation so we don't overburden the track," he said. "Our primary goal is to maximize our efforts toward insuring that every spectator comes away from Gateway International Raceway having an enjoyable experience."

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Obituaries

A. Atchisson

Arthur Dewey Atchisson, 64, of Springfield died at 4:04 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He was born May 21, 1932, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Atchisson was employed by First America as groundskeeper. He was a member of Springfield Southern Baptist Church; a 33 year member of Masonic Lodge #126, Macdonald Lodge #126, and a Boy Scout committee man.

Survivors include his wife, Jean M. (Peters) Atchisson, whom he married June 23, 1968; one son, Gary Ray Peacock of Springfield; one son, Arthur Orvel Atchisson of Springfield; and one brother, Robert H. Atchisson of Fairview Heights.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orvel R. and Jewell H. (Seng) Atchisson; one sister, Nina Mae Atchisson; and one brother, Clifford E. Atchisson. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Staab Funeral Home, Springfield. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at St. John's Cemetery with the Rev. Michael J. Keppeler officiating. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.

Nelle I. Vartan

Nelle I. Vartan, 80, of Granite City died at 8:20 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at her residence. She was born June 27, 1916, in Granite City.

Mrs. Vartan was owner of Vartan's Market, 801 North Main, Granite City. She was a member of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, Armenian Relief Society, the Ladies Guild of St. Gregory's, and the R.A.C. Surviving include one brother, Jack Vartan of Granite City; one sister, Helen Venetziot of Boston, Mass.; three nephews and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents Sam and Ann (Mouradian) Vartan; and one brother, Charles Vartan Sr. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, 1723 Washington Street, with the Rev. Fr. Vartan Kassabian officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic

Church.

Memorials suggested to St. Joseph's Hospital, Kirkwood, Mo.

Lucille Trefftz

Edit Lucille Trefftz, 80, of Pinckneyville died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at Pinckneyville Community Hospital. She was born Oct. 23, 1916, in Pinckneyville.

Mrs. Trefftz was a retired worker for Brown Shoe Co. and a lifelong resident of Perry County. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pinckneyville, the Mary Baldwin Moose Lodge, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Encampment of Odd Fellows, Pinckneyville Senior Citizens, and Church United Women.

She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas Lyle Trefftz and Lila May (Hickman) Trefftz; one sister, Inez Ochs; and one brother, Thomas Trefftz.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Dickerson of Collinville; three nieces and two nephews.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 7, at First Presbyterian Church, Pinckneyville with the Rev. Michael Newbert officiating. Burial was in I.O.O.F. City Cemetery, Pinckneyville.

Arrangements were handled by Schwedel Funeral Home, Pinckneyville.

Frank Wendel

Frank L. Wendel, 76, of Gran-

ite City, formerly of Edwardsville, died at 5 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for three weeks. He was born July 4, 1920, in Granite City.

Mr. Wendel retired from Granite City Steel in January 1984 after working 33 years as an electrician. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Edwardsville and Better Brothers Club at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley M. (Davis) Wendel whom he married Oct. 30, 1949, in Granite City; one son, Edward M. Wendel of Granite City; one daughter, Janice Wendel of a sister, Frances Roberts of Granite City; two brothers, Leonard Wendel of Granite City and Hubert Wendel of DeSoto, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Clara (Sale) Wendel; and a sister, Dorothy Burich.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 14, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2600 Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fishkeller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Arrangements handled by Thomas Mortuary, 2020 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Memorials suggested to St. Joseph's Hospital, Kirkwood, Mo.

Hoffman may join Haine's staff

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

While officials are meeting to name a replacement for Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus, his former opponent also is busy mapping out career plans.

State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, said he may join the Madison County State's Attorney's Office when his one-year legislative term ends next month. Hoffman lost to Shimkus in last month's race for the U.S. representative seat in the 20th District.

"I'm looking at doing some prosecution work in Madison County," Hoffman said. "I enjoy making sure the bad guys go to jail."

While he and Madison County State's Attorney William Haine have discussed the idea, no arrangements have been made, Hoffman said.

Hoffman said he also has been practicing law with Becker, Pauston and Horwitz, a firm he has been an associate with for six years.

"I just plan to practice law and spend time with my family," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said many people have pointed out to him what he could be doing — if the election had turned out differently. Hoffman said he doesn't seem to be thinking such thoughts. Instead, he looks to the future.

"It doesn't do any good to look back — you just keep moving forward," Hoffman said. "You learn from it all and enjoy the times you have. It really was a fascinating experience to run for Congress."

Hoffman isn't ruling out another political run.

"I may run for something eventually, I don't know," Hoffman said. "It's not ready to tell."

Hoffman is a former St. Clair County assistant state's attorney and probation and court services director for the 20th Judicial District. He was elected to the 110th District in 1990.

After graduating in 1992, he was elected to the new 112th District and re-elected in 1994.



(Photo by DENISE MACDONALD)

Presentation — Terry Zarlingo of Granite City looks at his poster about "Adenosine A2a Antagonists Used in Treatment of Cerebral Ischemia." The poster was in preparation for his senior assessment project.

• Checks

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envelopes with which to mail the checks back.

"These are actions typical of the federal government," Pitts said. "One hand does not know what the other is doing. All of a sudden, my switch board lights, and I can't explain what the heck is going on."

Barr said that if these people who received checks in error spent the money, the FDIC will still ask them to pay it back.

Pitts questioned whether the government will be able to force people to return the money. He said he suspects most of the recipients have spent it.

Stites said he intended to deposit the check in savings account, but hadn't gotten around to it when the letter arrived Tuesday.

Along with the apologetic letter from the financial manager, William R. Baumcun, there also was a notice for Stites to talk to his bank asking for any penalties to be waived if he had cashed the check.

It was not clear if the money

was for interest or for

the cost of subordinate notes his father, Frank Stites,

had bought. Unlicensed sales

people at Germania had sold

the "schnotes" illegally

during a high-pressure

campaign in 1987.

Stites said his father died in 1989 before news of the scheme broke but that the "loss" affected his mother's lifestyle. He said his father had bought the notes as an inheritance for him and his three grandchildren.

Frank Duda, a St. Louis lawyer, received a call from Wood River lawyer Rod Pitts

in representing about 600 holders in recovering their money.

Duda said he has not been able to contact others from the FDIC office in Dallas or from the FDIC's general counsel in Washington as to why the checks were issued and then cashed back.

"It is a bizarre thing. A number of note holders received checks from the FDIC. After these checks were issued, I got several different explanations for them. No one will explain the basis for asking for the money back."

"It's very interesting because these claimants along that they didn't have the money to pay the judgment. We're in the dark. It is a very heartbreaking thing to be toyed with and if he had cashed the check."

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in September in U.S. District Court, Duda said there has not

been a settlement.

Duda and Pitts still

are representing the holders.

"We will continue to try to

press on behalf of the note holders. The FDIC hasn't agreed to anything, but we are very hopeful that the case will be resolved by a settlement."

The 538 "schnotes" that were sold in Illinois had a face value of \$6 million and could cost the federal government more than \$8 million in settlements. Also included in the case are another \$4 million for out-of-state investors.

The Office of Trust Supervision took over Germania in 1990 and then later assigned the task of settling claims to the Resolution Trust Corp. The RTC ruled the "schnotes" holders were Class 3 creditors, which meant the creditors were not to be paid until after cash from Germania's liquidation was paid to investors and other Class 6 creditors.

The FDIC took over when the trust corporation dissolved Jan. 1.

In September, U.S. District Judge Paul Riley ruled that the plaintiffs who bought "schnotes" in Illinois were to get back their investments plus interest.

Riley said since the notes were sold illegally, the holders must expect to get the same status as Class 6 creditors.

Since then, one branch of the FDIC has appealed Riley's ruling, and Duda said he expects a decision soon to determine if there will be a settlement.

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By SHIRLEY VALENCIA

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Terry Rochester, Granite City
"They should be deported."



Vasil Tanse, Granite City
"No mercy. Anyone that loves his country and then spies against it should be executed."



Sherri Recer, Granite City
"I think they should be incarcerated for a very long time so they have plenty of time to think about what they did to our country."



Donna Kuntz, Granite City
"They should have their citizenship taken away, be incarcerated, and pay back what they had gained."

World War I vet dies

For 70 years, he flew the flag

World War I veteran Ira Kirkpatrick of Alton never missed a day to fly the American flag on his front porch.

"Every morning for 70 years I got up early to fly Old Glory outside my house," he said on his 100th birthday July 1, 1995. The area's oldest World War I veteran died in his sleep at age 101 at 4:15 a.m. Wednesday at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville.

"Ira loved his country with all his heart and he showed it every day of his life," said Willard Livingston, Kirkpatrick's friend and quartermaster at Alton VFW Post 1306.

"We used to emblazon his name in gold on a flag at the Avenue of Flags at the VFW post," he said.

Kirkpatrick was a 20-year-old farm boy from Wittenberg when he went off to war as an ambulance driver on the battlefields of France in 1918.

"I carried wounded and dying American soldiers from the battlefield to the hospital," Kirkpatrick said in his last interview last Memorial Day. "It broke my heart to see a young soldier die in my arms."

'Ira loved his country with all his heart, and he showed it every day of his life.'

— Willard Livingston

Friend

a military funeral Friday at Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens in Belthito.

World veterans carried the old soldier's flag-draped casket to the grave with an honor guard of VFW riflemen.

"The VFW military ritual team will fire 21 shots over Ira's casket," Livingston said prior to the service. "We'll salute when the bugler plays taps in memory of the 101-year-old vet."

An honor guard folded the flag on the casket and handed it to Kirkpatrick's family. Besides his son, Kirkpatrick is survived by seven daughters, 39 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 49 great-great-grandchildren.

Kirkpatrick lives with his daughter, Kathryn Landreth, on Amelia Street in Alton. Neighbors will miss the vet, who hung the flag every day on his porch until he got sick this fall.

"I put the flag up on the porch and then stepped back and saluted it," Kirkpatrick said on his 101st birthday. "Every time I put the flag up I get a tear in my eye."

"I think of my buddies who never came home from the battlefields in France."

— From The Telegraph

He came home from the war and spent the remaining 80 years of his life teaching schoolchildren about patriotism.

"Dad passed his love for America to his eight children," said his 71-year-old son, Ned Kirkpatrick, a Marine veteran from Hartford.

The old soldier was a familiar face for 70 years in the 120-year-old Upper Alton veterans parade, the oldest Memorial Day parade in the country.

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Jet apparently caused loud boom

A Missouri National Guard F-15 Eagle fighter jet traveling at more than 1,000 mph Dec. 9 about 30 miles south of St. Louis was the cause of a loud boom heard throughout the region, a guard spokesman said.

Initial reports that the noise was caused by an explosion at the Chemetco smelting plant near Hartford now appear to have been erroneous.

Major Ken MacNevin said the F-15 was performing a maintenance check at speeds above the sound barrier when an air traffic controller ordered it to turn sharply.

The jet was flying eastward about to cross the Mississippi River into Illinois when it banked to the north while dropping below the sound barrier, he said.

MacNevin said the jet was probably coming upon occupied air space and thus was ordered to turn. The resulting pressure wave could have been heard many miles away, depending on terrain and weather conditions, he said.

"It's my understanding that on a cold, dry day like Friday, the sound would seem louder," MacNevin said.

He said sonic booms are not necessarily heard by the pilot, although he had reportedly told the U.S. Air Force because it had occurred in a populated area.

Hundreds of callers had reported the noise to local media and law enforcement agencies, but MacNevin said he had been unaware of the reaction until Tuesday.

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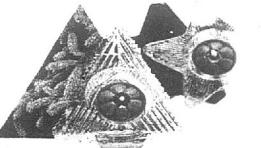
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By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

A 23-year-old resident of Belleville is being held on \$1 million bail for allegedly kidnapping, raping and robbing an 18-year-old Wal-Mart store employee Dec. 3.

The St. Clair County Sheriff's Office and Belleville Police Department arrested Andrew Gavin, 23, of 717 S. Jackson St., early Tuesday afternoon at a Belleville restaurant where he worked.

Police offer safety tips

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Police are urging everyone to take the necessary precautions when going to and from their vehicles after the recent arrest of a Belleville man for the assault, kidnapping and robbery of an 18-year-old Wal-Mart employee.

Making sure you are aware of your surroundings and those individuals around you is one way to protect yourself, Fairview Heights Police Capt. Mike King said.

"Know where you're going and walk directly to your car," he said.

Before leaving your vehicle, you should look for a reference point so when you come back out of a store you will know exactly where you are going. You can use street names or addresses, such as St. Clair Square, label each section of the parking lots with either numbers or letters, giving the shopper a point of reference when returning to their vehicle.

When you do walk out to your car, walk with confidence, not fear.

"Keep aware of what is around you and make it obvious you are looking around, but not to the point where you draw attention to yourself," King said.

If you do feel uncomfortable walking to your vehicle alone or feel too frightened to walk in the area that should not be, King said not to hesitate in going back inside the store you just left and asking for assistance.

"Don't be afraid of abandoning your car. Go and ask someone to come out with you," he said.

Many times individuals say someone looking suspicious or out of place was in the area before a crime occurred, but no one bothered to call security or the local police department, King said.

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Police said Gavin has confessed to the crime.

The woman was leaving the Wal-Mart parking lot at 120 Columbia Ave. at approximately 11:10 p.m. when Gavin allegedly entered the rear door of her 1986 Ford Escort. Police said Gavin was unarmed, but was wearing a mask to disguise his face.

Initially, police had few leads to follow, but St. Clair County Sheriff Mearl Justus said Gavin's quick arrest is a "classic case when citizens get involved."

Officers from both the sheriff's department and Belleville's police department said they received several calls about the incident. Some of the people even identified Gavin by name. Justus said.

"One individual even made a comment about Gavin's red jacket," he added. "Some people who knew him called in and said he was acting strange."

The two departments jointly investigated the case because Wal-Mart is located in Belleville's city limits and the alleged rape occurred in an unincorporated area in the county.

Sheriff's Detective Steve Johnson said Gavin only

planned to rob the victim initially to help support his crack cocaine habit.

"He got \$30," he said.

Gavin, who is a registered sex offender, has told police he had smoked \$200

worth of crack several hours before the assault. He has also confessed, Johnson said.

Police said Gavin had sought treatment for his drug habit.

"He went one time, but said he didn't like it," Justus said.

Gavin is being charged with five counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, one count of aggravated kidnapping and one count of robbery.

The victim identified Gavin through a photo line up.

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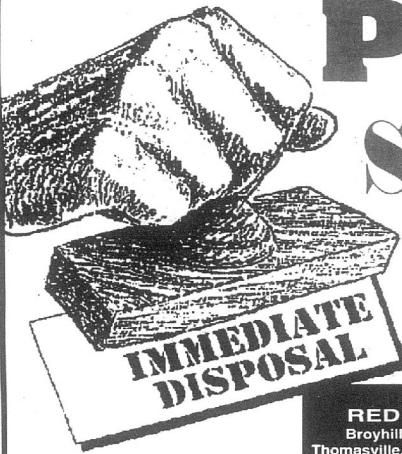
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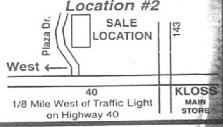
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Daubach makes move to Marlins

Christmas came early for Brian Daubach of Belleville who has been drafted into the Venezuelan Winter Baseball League all-star team.

In addition to being chosen to the Venezuelan Winter Baseball League all-star team, he can look to spring training in March with the Florida Marlins major league team.

"We're all excited," said Dale Daubach the other day shortly after speaking with his son Brian, whose phone call from Valencia, Venezuela relayed more information than the all-star news.

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As a seventh-year pro,

Daubach may have been a free agent if he had not signed with the Mets prior to the recent major league draft of minor league players.

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The Marlins do not have many lefthanded hitters in the majors or in their organization," said Dale Daubach.

Among the other organizations showing prime interest in Brian were the Blue Jays and the Marlins.

Daubach has shown the most, especially since it was Daubach, who stood out in last fall's Class AA playoffs.

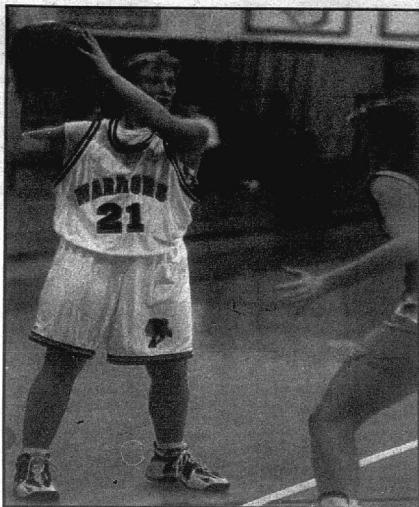
In a best-of-five series won by Florida's Double A team over the Binghamton, N.Y. Mets, Daubach hit two two-run home runs, one win in the ninth inning and another to send a game into extra innings.

During the 1996 season, he hit .296 at Binghamton with 22 doubles, 73 runs batted in. His 129 hits in 122 games also featured 22 doubles and an on-base percentage of .403.

During a brief stint at Norfolk, Va., of the AAA International League, he hit .204 with two doubles before returning to Binghamton.

A 264 career hitter in the minor leagues, Daubach was slow to recover after suffering a wrist injury during his time in racquetball in the offseason in 1992. He hit .242 that season at Pittsfield, Va., in Class A while wearing a brace on his right knee.

An increase in home runs and RBIs (an average of 73 (See ART, Page 4B)



Tournament time — Carrie Simpson and the Granite City Lady Warriors play Dec. 26-28 in the Mascoutah Invitational.

Red Devils (2-1) prepare for Dupo

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

The Venice High School gymnasium should be rocking Saturday night when the Red Devils (2-1) play their season home opener against the rival Dupo boys basketball team.

Tuesday night is 7 p.m. for the junior varsity game, followed immediately by the varsity clash.

Venice fans who didn't travel to either of the three previous road games will get their chance to look at 6-foot-5 transfer student Marcus Allen, who has lived up to his billing as an entering newcomer.

Allen averages 20 points per game, leads Venice in steals, plays the point man in the 1-2-2 fullcourt press, starts at forward, and also defends against some guards. He also hit two of three free throws in the opening 54-43 loss at Freeburg on Dec. 3.

Marcus has been doing it all for us," said Venice coach Clinton Harris, who had 22 points (10 Tuesday) against Wescalin.

Instead, senior Don Matthews has overtaken the point guard position and delivered in the clutch with 14 points.

The Red Devils average three 3-pointers per game and Matthews and Allen have combined for all but the one Roberts scored against Calvary.

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ment to settle into a more consistent pattern of executing their vaunted fast-break offense. Harris said his Red Devils were out of control during the Freeburg loss. Missing were frequent and subsequent victories of 68-42 on Dec. 6 at Springfield Calvary and 76-48 at Wescalin.

However, Calvary and Wescalin both are undergoing major rebuilding campaigns, so the improving version of the Venice team has yet to be fully challenged. Dupo is only 4-4.

The Red Devils always seem to take the Red Devils to the final buzzer.

Harris is counting on the return of senior guard Kevin Roberts. Roberts has had the flu and held out of the Wescalin game. He scored a season-high 19 points against Calvary, so Harris feared he was going to be missed against Wescalin.

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Triad wrestler Moore lives up to high expectations

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Expectations can be a tough thing to live up to.

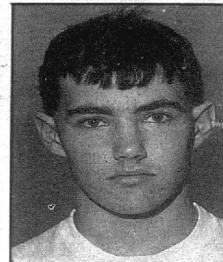
So far Triad High senior wrestler Luke Moore is living up to his.

Moore begins his fourth and final varsity season with a vision of qualifying for the state tournament dancing in his head.

Anything short of an appearance at Assembly Hall in Champaign would be a disappointment, according to qualifying last season when he finished fourth at the sectional tournament. The top three wrestlers from each weight class advance to the state tournament.

He has started this season in fine fashion with a 7-1 mark while racking up a whopping 100-plus points in those eight matches. For his efforts he was named the Illinois Journals Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week.

"He has wrestled really well for us this year," Triad wrestling coach Russ Witzig said. "He had big test on Tuesday when he wrestled against Tom Riggan from Roxana (Roxana is a returning state champion). Luke got tech failed but that was the first time (Luke) has wrestled him and



Luke Moore

not gotten pinned. I still think he can make a lot more improvement."

Other than that match he has had a bunch of pins or won by a forfeit. He really hasn't been challenged other than the Riggan match. He's been doing really well."

While no wrestler is happy with a loss, Witzig believes the Triad season long Riggan could actually benefit Moore and cause Moore to practice much harder in the practice room.



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"I'm glad that happened to him," Witzig said. "I would like to see him wrestle some more tough matches because when you are on the mat less than two minutes a night you really don't get a chance to wrestle. The more tough matches he has the rest of the year will better prepare him for when he gets to the end of the season."

Moore has made a steady and noticeable improvement since he found himself a spot in the varsity lineup his freshman year. He won 12 matches as a freshman, 18 as a sophomore and 21 as a junior. He is even up to date this season give him 72 in career. Witzig believes (See MOORE, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City's Ray Smith (left) and teammate Tim Wallace battle for a rebound.

Slow-starting Redbirds rally to beat Warriors

By Louie Kovac

Coming after playing poorly in the Coca-Cola/KM&O Shootout, the Alton Redbirds remained flat for three quarters before finally coming alive.

Trailing 40-37 going into the fourth quarter, the Redbirds got on a 10-0 run to go ahead 47-47. Tuesday night, the Warriors of Granite City 63-57 in a Southwestern Conference matchup.

With the win, the Redbirds improved to 7-2 overall and 1-1 in league play. The loss dropped the Warriors to 2-2 and 0-1 in league play.

The Redbirds were led by a quartet of players in the victory. Senior forward Marlon Crawford, after scoring 11 points in the Shootout, rebounded with a stellar effort, scoring 10 points and dishing out a game-high 11 assists, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Senior forward Roy Fox led all scorers with 18 points. Senior guards Jared Ramsey and Rodney Mike chipped in with 17 and 12 points, respectively, for Alton.

Redbird coach Ron Smith wasn't necessarily impressed with the win, but nonetheless said he was happy to get it.

"Well, I'm pleased with the win," he said. "We came in here after an emotional game at the Kiel Center and I was a bit worried about that."

Smith had good reason to be worried until the fourth quarter.

"The 10-0 run to start the quarter was key," he said. "We really had to rally and talk about getting the ball in the corner and slashing the guard forward, and it was there."

Smith said he was pleased with the effort of Crawford, particularly in the fourth quarter.

"Crawford had the five assists in the fourth."

he said. "He really was able to set some people up and we hit the shot at a range."

Second-chance baskets were factor in that fourth-quarter rally as the Redbirds were able to crash the boards and clean up their misses, which they failed to do throughout the rest of the game.

Smith credited the Warriors for giving his squad a rough battle.

"They are a very physical team and (coach) John (Van Buskirk) does a really nice job with them," he said. "They are always well-prepared."

Smith admitted he wasn't pleased with the way his team played in the first two quarters.

"We didn't shoot the ball real well in the first half," he said. "We were only 2-for-8 from 3-point range and 11-for-22 overall."

The Redbirds seemed to really show more life and jump in their game in the final eight minutes and Smith noticed things falling into place then.

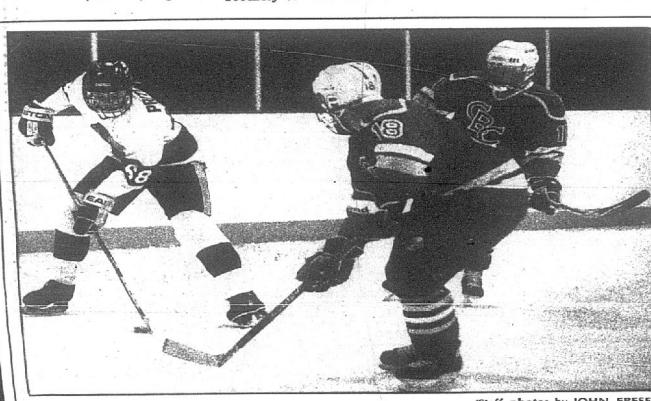
Despite their 7-2 mark, Smith said he would like to see some consistency out of his team.

"We've been all over the place all year, and the thing you have to remember is that everybody is starting to make adjustments," he said. "Everybody is finding out what you can do or can't do and they are going to try and make you play to your weakness, so we need to know more patience."

Smith was most pleased that his squad was able to get its first conference win.

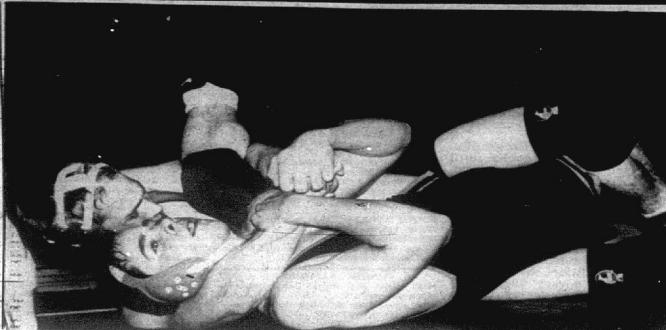
"Other than the state tournament series, conference play is the next important thing," he said. "Parties became in our conference schedule and in our sectional and we want to be ranked as high as we can."

Granite City, 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the SWC, plays Friday at Belleville East and plays host to Jerseyville next Saturday.



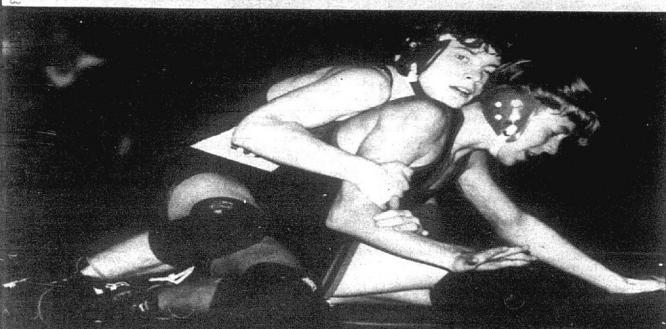
(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Stick around — Granite City's Bob Pritchard tries to stickhandle his way past a pair of CBC defenders.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Above: Granite City's Jonas Janek gets a headlock on Edwardsville's Brian Hommet during a 145-pound match. Below: the Warriors' Paul Johnson wrestles Edwardsville's John Mercer in a 112-pound match.



Maroons get first win of season

By Tim Carley
Correspondent

The effort on Friday night was the same by the Belleville West Maroons as it was all year. The difference was what Maroons coach Bill Schmidt has grown to love in his tenure as basketball coach.

The Maroons utilized a career-high 28 points by junior forward David Miller to defeat East St. Louis 75-62 Friday night in Southeastern Conference basketball action.

"I thought we had a good basketball game tonight,"

Schmidt said. "One thing I'm proud of is that we've put together three consistent efforts and gotten better each week. We got the victory tonight because it's just a reward for the hard work by the kids."

Miller was the main man for the Maroons all night.

He torched the nets at West Gymnasium for 12 points in the third quarter to help West extend its lead at the start of the quarter to 60-51 at the end of the period.

Miller scored on a variety of tough inside moves after his

teammates got him the ball inside the lane.

"David has played well for us since the first day of practice," Schmidt said. "The big thing tonight was that the guys got him the ball in a position to score."

West advances to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in SWC play. The Flyers fall to 1-4 overall and 1-1 in SWC action.

The effort was not what East St. Louis coach Dwight Howard expected from his team after defeating SWC confer-

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Lancers lose in overtime

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The Belleville East Lancers didn't earn a victory at the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout, but they had to come away feeling good about the rest of the season.

Playing Thursday night at Kiel Center against Minneapolis North High School, the Lancers (2-1) rallied from a 16-point deficit and sent the game into overtime before losing 79-70. The Polars were ranked 17th in USA Today's pre-season top 25.

"We kept the crowd that stayed interested," said East coach Doug McCrary, whose team played the final game of the two-day, 12-game event at the beginning of the second half, things looked pretty bleak, but we kept hammering away. We have a pretty good bench and they got us back in the game."

The Lancers got a game-high 25 points from 6-foot-3 senior Eric Greene, who also had 10 rebounds. Junior Josh Helbig recovered from a cold first half to end with 13 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter.

"We showed a lot of effort and a lot of pride, but we had a lot of mental breakdowns," McCrary said. "They were quick, and their speed caused some of those turnovers."

El-Amin, a 5-10 senior, led a balanced Minneapolis North attack with 19 points. Senior Jabir Jackson had 18 points, while senior Kevin Holley and junior Kerek Taylor scored 12 points each.

"It was a similar game to what we played in Peoria last year," McCrary said, referring to a quarterfinal loss to New Trier in the Class AA state tournament. "We just didn't play our normal game, but we started and clawed and came back to make it respectable. I don't know what causes it, but I just hope we don't do it a third time."

The game at 65-65 with 1:22

left.

The opening 2½ minutes of overtime also provided high suspense as Minneapolis North headed into the contest 69-69 with 1:44 left before outscoring Belleville East 10-1.

"We kept the crowd who stayed interested," said East coach Doug McCrary. "It was fun. It wasn't fun losing in this game."

After blowing a 19-point lead, an obviously fatigued East team squad appeared on the ropes.

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Helbig, Greene lead way as East makes comeback

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

For the better part of three quarters, Belleville East's Coca-Cola/KMOX 1120 Shootout debut was a yawner.

Two-time defending Minnesota Class 4A state champion Minneapolis North led by 11 after a quarter, 10 at halftime and swelled the advantage to 19 midway through the fourth quarter.

Most of the Kiel Center crowd began to depart. And that's when Belleville East stepped up.

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Prairie State Games raffle offers trips, sports prizes

Prairie State Games officials have put together a "Grand Raffle" to capture the interest of sports enthusiasts throughout Illinois.

The raffle, which runs through Dec. 24, will benefit the Prairie State Games (The nation's largest amateur sports festival) and Meet the Need (a project headed by local busi-

nesses and civic leaders to provide athletic and recreational facilities throughout the Metro East).

First prize is a trip for two to NIKE's world headquarters. The winner will spend four days and three nights at the Marriott Hotel in Portland, Ore. The trip, which includes air fare, also includes a per-

• Moore

(Continued from Page 18) Moore has a chance to reach the career mark of career victories. If Moore does pick up an additional 28 wins this winter he would be the first Triad in more than 10 years to eclipse that mark.

He is also trying to become the first Knight wrestler to qualify for the state tournament in 11 seasons.

Moore didn't plan on taking his final year of high school wrestling lightly. He spent the off-season getting himself pre-

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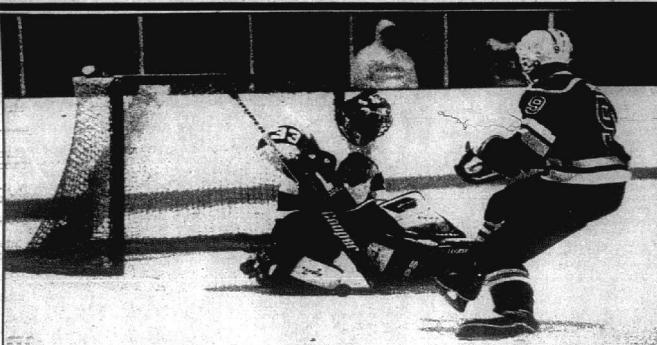
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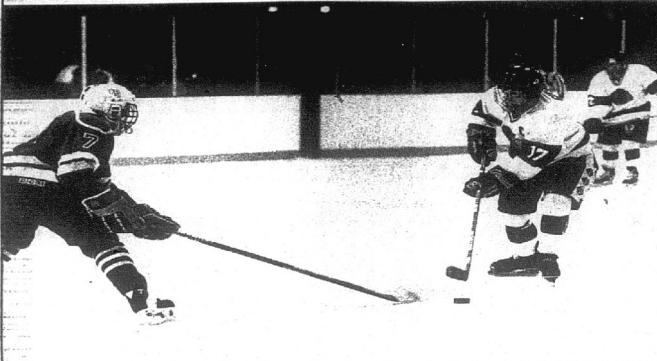
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SPORTS



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Above: Granite City goalie Tony Evans make a stick save against CBC. Below: the Warriors' Mikal tries to elude a CBC defender.



•East

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"Fatigue can make you do strange things," McCrary said. "It's been a long year, I started attacking the rim a lot better."

With 5:45 remaining, Helbig had just five points and one 3-pointer. Over the next 4:26, however, Helbig netted 13 points and derailed the resurgence with his dominating display that climaxed with a game-tying 3-point field goal.

"I started off slow, and I couldn't hit anything," Helbig said. "I had a lot to do with playing here. I've been watching this (the Shootout) since fifth grade. It was different playing in front of so many people."

As for the bank shot, "That was my play from the side-line," McCrary quipped.

•Maroons

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Howard was extremely displeased with the effort his team gave on the defensive end of the court.

"It's the worst defensive club in the Southwestern Conference," Howard said. "The name of the game might be basketball, but you have to play good defense. But you've got to give it to West. They shot the eyes out. The bottom line is we stunk on defense."

Miller was not the only standout on offense for the Maroons on Friday night.

The Maroons as a team dropped home six 3-pointers on the evening.

Junior guard Bryan Swift finished four 3-pointers and finished with 16 points. Ben Wan-

less had two trifectas and added 14 points.

East St. Louis was led by Eddie Johnson and Spencer Hughes, who finished with 25 and 18 points respectively.

The lone chance came for the Maroons, who started fouling the Maroons with just over three minutes left in the game.

Like the entire game, West fed the momentum of the net when it needed to and hung on for the victory.

West made 9-of-13 free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the outcome of the game.

"This game tonight showed that during crunch time, we can execute and put the game away," Schmitz said. "With a game like like this, we have to be able to learn how to do it is to go out on the court and actually do it."

"The game was a great learning experience for us," Harris said. "We're not what we're built to be as far as knowing what kind of team we have," Harris said.

•Venice

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Junior guard Lowell Collins came off the bench to also help cover for Roberts and scored three points in the third period. The Warriors trailed only 15-11 after one quarter before Venice made an 18-9 run for a 33-21 halftime lead.

"Really, we didn't start pulling away from Wesclin until the last quarter," Harris said. "We started getting our fast break going. They were missing layups and we were running and hitting our layups and free throws. The guys are just now getting into shape and that's why we've been improving. We've got to continue to be in condition, because we don't have a very deep bench and we're still trying to run whenever we can."

Forward Shon Dell Mathews scored six and three points, respectively, in the last two games. But other than Collins, no Venice reserves scored more than one point in the game.

Freshman center LaRon Cole (6-0, 175) had four points against Wesclin and senior forward Raymond Douglas (6-0) had the other two points against Calvary.

"If we ever get into foul trouble with Marcus Allen and E&E sophomore center Charles Cotton, we're going to be in trouble," Harris said. "We really don't have a true big man off the bench. Marcus was in foul trouble (against Calvary) and I think he had 10 and 14 points that game. That would have been his best game if he didn't sit out the whole second quarter with foul trouble. He had 15 rebounds that night."

Cotton has been the team's top rebounder, grabbing 10 against Freeburg and 14 against Wesclin, including 10 on the offensive end. But Harris would like to see him improve in his scoring average of 6.3 points per game. Just as forward Tony Evans (6-0) has been quiet, productive with his 10 points per game. Roberts leads the Red Devils in assists.

After Dupo, Venice plays one more game. This Saturday before competing in the Freeburg-Columbia Holiday Tournament on Dec. 26-30.

"The Christmas tournament is what we're building for. We need to be as far as knowing what kind of team we have," Harris said.

•Raffle

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includes a cap, a polo shirt, a belt, a tie and a pair of NIKE footwear.

"When we decided to put together this fund raiser a few months ago, not only did we want to generate additional funding for, and awareness about, the Prairie State Games, but we also wanted to give something back to the community," said Maurine Moore, executive director of the Prairie State Games.

For more information on the raffle or to receive tickets, call Phil Donato at the PSG office at 632-1002.

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STANDINGS

Week 17

(Round 2, Week 5)

NORTH DIVISION: Miller Genuine Draft

131, Midwest Title Insurance 115.5, Bow

Ice 102, Lincoln-Mercury 98.5, Prairie Cola

98.5, Busch Mountain Men 90.5.

SOUTH DIVISION: Johnson Nursing

Home 119, Aufenberg Ford 107.5, Her

itage Lincoln-Mercury 82, Jack Schmitz

Chevy World 80.5, Prairies of Cahokia

78.5, Busch Mountain Men 50.5.

WEEK 16 LEADERS
High game - Bob Bates, Calvin Johnson
Nursing Home, 296
High series: Charles Jack Schmitz Chevy
World, 102.5
Team high game: Calvin Johnson Nursing
Home 266.5
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Awesome Awesomeness: Bob Wilbur, Heritage
Lincoln-Mercury, 419 (199-230)
One-game wonder: Matt Clevenger, Heri
tage Lincoln-Mercury, 231
Slip-sliding shoe: Busch Mountain Men 73.8

WEEK 16 RESULTS
Aufenberg Ford 27, Midwest Title 5

Scoring leaders: Aufenberg Ford — Paul

Gage 709 (247-248), Midwest Title Insurance

— Steve Siegel 641 (197-191-183).

Aufenberg Ford 21,

Heritage 11

Scoring leaders: Aufenberg Lincoln/Mercury

— Jim Loesche Jr. 548 (176-247-225), Mag

na Bank — Jim Loesche Sr. 583

(237-193-289).

Calvin Johnson 16,

Vivian's 15

Scoring leaders: Calvin Johnson Nursing

Home — Jay Bradshaw 717 (215-226-276),

Busch Mountain Men 4

Scoring leaders: Busch Mountain Men —

Mark Soren 720 (256-220-242), Miller Cola

Line Draft — Dennis Knepper 724

PEPSI 21,

Prairies of Cahokia 11

Randy Bais

691 (216-225-246), Prairies of Cahokia —

Jerry Anderson 720 (201-262-257).

Jack Schmitz 17,

Bovineite Insurance 15

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EXTRA INNINGS: While

reducing his strikeouts per at-bat, Alton's Alton also has been busy for Dan. On the same afternoon that DaRond Stoval, the switch-hitting Althoff grad who remains on the Montreal 40-man major league roster.

Slowed last summer by a shoulder injury suffered when he was called up to fly ball while playing in Class AA Harrisburg, Pa., Stoval hit over .400 in 17 games in Florida before returning to Double A where he hit .322 with 10 home runs in 74 games.

A six-year pro, Stoval turns age 24 on Jan. 3.

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Mine's future may be determined soon

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

A recommendation on what future development will occur at the St. Ellen Mine property in O'Fallon could come from the St. Clair County Board within the next 60-90 days.

County Board Chairman John Baricevic said several options are being considered by a special ad hoc St. Ellen Mine committee and Belknap Development Group, from Belleville.

Several options are being considered including possibly extending the services that are currently located near the mine, and opening a campground, he said.

Businesses located near the mine include Centerfield, which offers batting ranges and miniature golf; Bobby's Nightclub and Restaurant, which hosts rodeos; and St. Clair Bowl, a bowling alley.

"Since the county first started looking at this project, three new golf courses have been built in the area. There is some concern that the market might be over-saturated."

— John Baricevic

are allowed at the mine property, Baricevic said.

These businesses, however, will be required to meet the city's zoning requirements and building standards.

Baricevic said he would like the ad hoc committee recommendations will include a golf course.

"Since the county first started looking at this project, three new golf courses have been built in the area," he said. "There is some concern that the market might be over-saturated."

Belknap said he also doubts O'Fallon's decision to annex the property will have much effect on the county's future development plans.

"St. Ellen Mine has 200 acres. Approximately 100 acres have been reclaimed and will likely see little or no development occur there," Baricevic said.

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Dec. 6	Edwardsville JVVAR	H	6:15	Dec. 9	H	6:00	
Dec. 13	Alton JVVAR	H	6:15	Dec. 12	Macoupin FR/SOPH	A	6:00
Dec. 20	Belleville East JVVAR	A	6:15	Dec. 16	Belleville East FRNSPH	H	6:00
Dec. 26	O'Fallon JVVAR	H	6:15	Dec. 17	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	H	6:00
Jan. 4	Champaign JVVAR	H	6:15	Jan. 8	Wood River(A)-B FR	H	6:00
Jan. 10	St. Louis Lincoln JVVAR	A	6:15	Jan. 18	E. St. Louis SH/SOPH	A	6:00
Jan. 16	St. Louis Lincoln JVVAR	A	6:15	Jan. 15	Calhoun FR/SOPH	A	6:00
Jan. 22	Salem Tournament VAR	A	7:00	Jan. 19	Collinsville FR/SOPH	H	6:00
Jan. 29	Edwardsville JVVAR	A	6:15	Jan. 23	O'Fallon(A)-B SOPH	A	10:00
Feb. 1	Alton JVVAR	A	6:15	Jan. 22	Edwardsville FR/SOPH	A	6:00
Feb. 14	Belleville East JVVAR	H	6:15	Feb. 1	Alton JVVAR	A	10:00
Feb. 18	McClure North JVVAR	A	6:15	Feb. 5	Belleville West FRNSPH	H	6:00
Feb. 22	O'Fallon JVVAR	H	6:15	Feb. 12	Belleville West FRNSPH	A	6:00
Feb. 28	St. Louis Lincoln JVVAR	A	6:15	Feb. 19	E. St. Louis SH/SOPH	H	6:00
Mar. 7	IHSAs Regionals	TBA					
Mar. 14	IHSAs Super-Sectional	TBA					
Mar. 18	IHSAs State Finals	TBA					
Mar. 21-22	IHSAs State Finals	TBA					

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Nov. 21	Mascoutah 3L	A	6:00	Nov. 28	O'Fallon, E. Cent., Carbon V	A	6:00
Nov. 22	Belleville East 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 5	Edwardsville 3L	H	6:00
Nov. 23	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	H	6:00	Dec. 12	Franklin, Bloom. V	A	6:00
Nov. 24	Edwardsville 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 14	OC Freshmen Invit.	H	9:00
Nov. 25	Belleville West 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 15	Bethalto JV	A	6:15
Nov. 26	McClure North 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 19	Springfield Champ Cent	A	10:00
Nov. 27	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00	Dec. 20	Hornell North JV Tourn.	A	10:00
Nov. 28	Alton 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 21	Griffith, Vicksburg, V	A	10:00
Nov. 29	Mascoutah Tourn. VAR	A	6:00	Dec. 22	Belleville West 3L	A	10:00
Nov. 30	Edwardsville 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 23	Oakville JV Tourn.	A	10:00
Nov. 31	Wood River 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 24	Southwestern Ill. Tourn.	A	10:00
Dec. 1	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00	Dec. 25	Alton, E. L. Lin. V.	A	6:00
Dec. 2	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00	Dec. 26	Belleville East 3L	A	6:00
Dec. 3	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00	Dec. 27	O'Fallon, E. Cent., Quincy, V.	A	6:00
Dec. 4	Centralia JVVAR	A	6:00	Dec. 28	Genesee Tourn. V.	A	6:00
Dec. 5	Edwardsville 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 29	Centralia JV Tourn. JV	A	10:00
Dec. 6	Belleville West 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 30	COV. JV	A	10:00
Dec. 7	McClure North 3L	A	6:00	Dec. 31	Francis Howell Tourn. V.	A	10:00
Dec. 8	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		Park, West JV Tourn.	A	10:00
Dec. 9	Alton 3L	A	6:00		Carroll, VIPS	A	6:00
Dec. 10	McClure North 3L	A	6:00		E. St. Louis BR JVVA	A	9:00
Dec. 11	McClure North 3L	A	6:00		Bellwood, West Frosh. Invit.	A	9:00
Dec. 12	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 13	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 14	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 15	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 16	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 17	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 18	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 19	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 20	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 21	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 22	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 23	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 24	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 25	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 26	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 27	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 28	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 29	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 30	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Dec. 31	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 1	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 2	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 3	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 4	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 5	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 6	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 7	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 8	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 9	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 10	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 11	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 12	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 13	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 14	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 15	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 16	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 17	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 18	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 19	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 20	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 21	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 22	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 23	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 24	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 25	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 26	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 27	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 28	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 29	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 30	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 31	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 32	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 33	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 34	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 35	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 36	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 37	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 38	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 39	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 40	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 41	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 42	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 43	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 44	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 45	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 46	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 47	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 48	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 49	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 50	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 51	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 52	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 53	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 54	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 55	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 56	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 57	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 58	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 59	O'Fallon(A)-B FR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 60	Alton 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 61	Wood River 3L	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 62	Wood River JVVAR	A	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 63	E. St. L. Lincoln JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	9:00
Jan. 64	Centralia JVVAR	H	6:00		TBA	A	

BUSINESS

Long-term care insurance valuable

Financial Focus is provided as a free service of the Granite City Journal and Jeff Prosser of Edward Jones Investments.

Most working people pay 7.65% of their wages into a trust fund that they don't believe will ever pay them back.

According to a recent study sponsored by Third Millennium, a non-profit organization of young Americans, 9 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 believe Social Security will be able to provide them with retirement benefits. What's more, about one out of those believe the Social Security program won't even exist by the time they retire.

Despite this growing pessimism, Social Security today affects almost every American. Employees pay FICA taxes, and employers match those taxes. These taxes pay for a variety of services for many people, just retirement benefits.

Here's a breakdown of Social Security benefits.

Retirement - At age 62, Americans become eligible to receive monthly Social Security retirement benefits. The amount received is based on a variety of factors, including years in the work force and the amount of FICA taxes paid during those working years.

During your working years, the Social Security Administration credits your earnings to an account in your name. To make sure these figures are correct, check your account at least every three years. Go to your local Social Security office for a copy of the "Statement of Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement." Complete and mail it in, and you'll receive a personal statement of the earnings credit to your account. If you're under age 62, you'll receive an estimate of the benefits you can expect to collect. If you find the information unclear or you want more detailed information, contact your local Social Security office.

Disability insurance - This

is particularly important to families during the working years. The Social Security disability benefit assures you regular income if you're unable to work because of illness or disability. The disability, of course, must be permanent or expected to last over a year and a half.

Survivors insurance - This is life insurance protection. If a Social Security recipient dies, this insurance may provide benefits for survivors.

Medicare - This provides hospital and medical insurance to people age 65 and over. With the growing costs of prescription drugs, many older Americans have come to depend on Medicare. Medicare benefits also are available to some people under 65 if they have been disabled by a disability benefit for a specified period or meet other conditions.

Much discussion on Social Security reform focuses only on retirement. In the above-mentioned study, 82 percent of the survey respondents said they could achieve a higher rate of return

by saving on their own. Seniors, however, tended to disagree. Looking back, only 28 percent said they could have done better.

If the Social Security retirement program was dismantled, how would the other benefits be funded? Although the survey offered no specific recommendations, the most popular idea among both young adults and seniors was to base benefits on income regardless of how much an individual pays into the system. Another popular suggestion, favored by almost half the seniors, was for the wealthy, upper-middle class to pay income tax on 100 percent of the Social Security benefits they receive.

No doubt, there are a number of problems with Social Security—and at least as many possible solutions. Rather than throwing the baby out with the bathwater, the entire Social Security system, along with all of its benefits, should be evaluated.

Naney joins Granite City Realty

Granite City Realty is proud to welcome Diana Naney to its professional staff.

Naney, a multi-million dollar producer, recently received the silver and bronze awards for selling and closing more than \$1 million in property the past year. She is a member of the Granite City Board of Realtors and the Southwestern Illinois Real Estate Marketing Council.

She and her husband, Alan, are lifelong residents of Granite City and the parents of two sons, Jason and Jaron.

Naney invites all her past acquaintances to stop by and see her at her new location. She is looking forward to meeting new customers and extends a warm welcome to new clients needing professional advice in buying or selling real estate.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

New owners — Nick Jakich, the new owner of Corral Liquors on Nameoki Road, and his wife, Mosey, at the store.

Newsletter offers help to families needing day care

Currently, more than 50 percent of mothers with infants are in the labor force, and many report that affordable quality day care is scarce.

About 10 percent of full-time workers (the percentage is expected to grow in this decade) are caregivers of elderly relatives. Dependent care is also difficult to find.

To address the many challenges facing working mothers, Cooperative Extension Service is offering a quarterly newsletter to dual

income or working single-parent families.

Articles are short and timely to fit into sometimes hectic schedules of working people. Topics include time-saving tips and bits of information dealing with food, nutrition, health, family relationships,

parenting, family finances, lawn and gardening, consumer buying, public issues, time management, personal development and safety.

If you are interested in receiving the Working Families newsletter, send your

name, address, and phone number to the Madison-St. Clair Extension Unit, P.O. Box 427, 900 Hillsboro, Edwardsville, IL 62265, along with a check for \$2 payable to the University of Illinois. The \$3 subscription fee covers postage and handling.

Students pass CPA exam

The following students have passed the Becker CPA examination:

Belleville — Linda Vanderplum and Kristine Chiu.

Breese — Lisa VonBokel.

Collinsville — Kyle Huber.

Edwardsville — Jennifer Bain, April Jensen, Sean Eichholz and Donna Fearnside.

Glen Carbon — Bradley Hicks.

Maryville — Mark O'Connor.

Millstadt — Elizabeth Webley.

New Baden — Gladys Pfleil, O'Fallon — Thomas Boster and Chris Ahart.

O'Fallon — Timothy Backs.

Worlton — Jennifer Lenhardt.

The National CPA Examination is a two-day exam administered every May and November by the state Board of Accountancy. More than 70,000 candidates sat for the last exam: generally only about 20 percent of those taking the exam passed.

The Becker CPA Review Course is the nation's largest preparatory course for the exam. More than one third of those placed in the USA each year are students of the Becker Course. It is offered in more than 130 cities.

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Childbirth classes to be offered

St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Belleville will begin its next Prepared Childbirth Classes in January. Each class consists of four sessions held once a week.

The first class will meet on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning Jan. 7. The second class will meet on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 8. The second class are held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Health Education Building, Room 601, at 220 West Lincoln Street in Belleville.

For those who have previously taken the Prepared Childbirth Class, St. Elizabeth's Hospital offers a Prepared Childbirth Refresh Course. This course reviews relaxation techniques, and consists of two classes. They will be held Jan. 6 and 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the hospital's Centennial Room. A fee of \$10 is payable at the first class.

A Sibling Preparation Class, offered for children ages 3 to 10, is on Monday Jan. 13. The class gives the children an opportunity to explore positive ways about a new sibling and become familiar with the hospital setting.

A class on the fundamentals of breast-feeding will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The class is open to expectant mothers and nursing mothers.

There is a fee of \$10. Registration is required for all classes. To register for the classes of your choice, call the hospital's Mother Child Center at 234-2120, extension 1730.

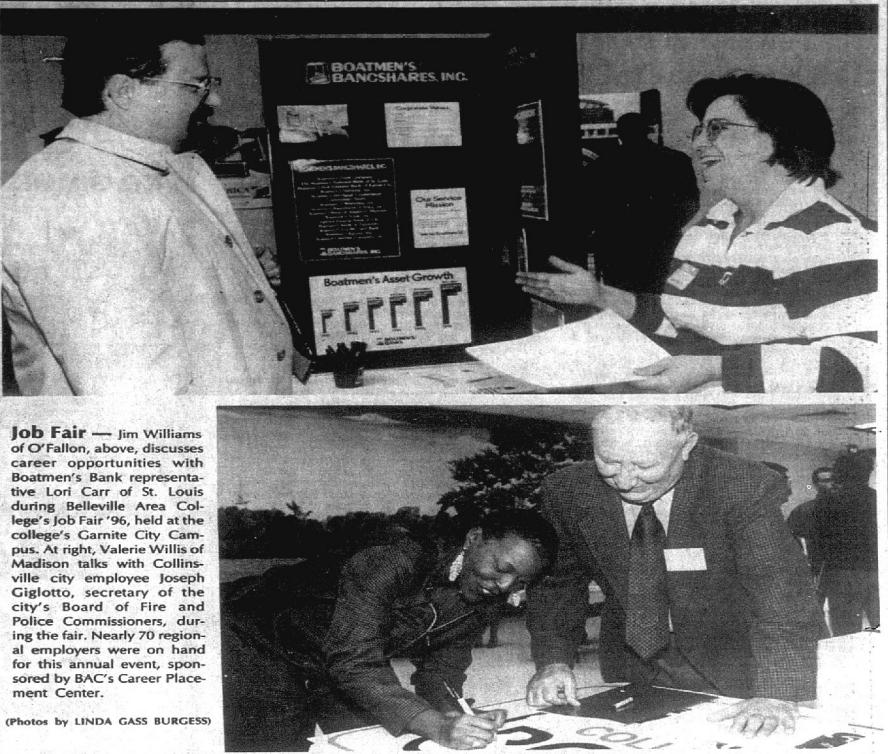
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Job Fair — Jim Williams of O'Fallon, above, discusses career opportunities with Boatmen's Bank representative Lori Carr of St. Louis during Belleville Area College's Job Fair '96, held at the college's Granite City Campus. At right, Valerie Willis of Madison talks with Collingsville city employee Joseph Gigliotto, secretary of the city's Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, during the fair. Nearly 70 regional employers were on hand for this annual event, sponsored by BAC's Career Placement Center.

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radio, tape player, misc.
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Wicker, drier, mattresses, boxes, lamps, misc.
8-Haynes
Toys, weed eater, chairs, snow blower, truck,
motorcycle, misc.
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chairs, battery powered car.

16-Peschetti
Headboard, boat motor, car parts, engine block,
22-Wiles
Faucet, lamp, christmas tree, nutcase, boxes,
bags, misc.
24-Jones
Table, couch, chair, lamp, cabinet, books, misc.
25-DeMoss
Headboard, golf clubs, table, waterbed, misc.
14-Webb
15-Webb
16-Webb
17-Wall
Bicycle, stove, sink, car parts, misc., boxes.
11-Persons
12-Persons
13-Persons
27-Walls
Microwave, chair, shelf, clothes, suitcase, table,
radio, misc.

Anyone wishing to redeem their possessions should call before
December 28, 1996 to bring their account current.

(618) 931-7340

Christmas dinner slated

The Logan Street Church of Christ will be conducting its 12th Annual Christmas Dinner at noon on Sunday, Dec. 24, at the Senior Citizen's Building, Brown and Klein Streets, Venice.

The church will be giving free clothes and preparing food baskets for citizens to take home.

In addition, they will be delivering dinners to the sick and shut-ins.

For reservations or more information call 876-3362 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Dec. 18, through Monday, Dec. 21.

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LOCAL NEWS

Fewer shopping days may make Christmas gifts late

With fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year there are also fewer shipping days. John Ulakey, owner of Pony Mailbox, recommends people plan to get their gifts to friends and relatives who live far away in time for the holidays.

Although the total volume of packages shipped by UPS and the Parcel Service and Pony Mailbox is only slightly higher than last year, the shorter period compresses these into a higher daily volume. This makes handling and coordination resources particularly strained.

UPS plans additional drivers and rearranges the pickup times to try to adapt to the additional load experienced during the holiday season. Although Pony Mailbox offers free delivery, UPS shipping times can be checked. Also, UPS tends to get packages to destinations more according to a definite time schedule.

Last year UPS did a terrific job of getting packages to their destinations for the holidays," Ulakey said. "Most packages were delivered within the average time during more normal times of the year."

To ensure holiday gifts are delivered in time, the postal, Bob Gordon, United Parcel Service corporate packaging manager, recommends customers allow an extra day to the normal delivery time. Delays are primarily due to the added volume during this season, potential weather delays and supplemental driving.

Shipping professionals, such as Ulakey, and Associated Mail and Parcel Centers, AMPC, recommend keeping aware of the time it takes gifts to get to their destination in order to use the cheapest ground available. Last minute shoppers/shippers have to pay a premium to get their packages to their destinations on time for the holidays.

Milestones

Doris and Gail Johnson will celebrate their 55th anniversary Dec. 15.

Jane Sue Wells will celebrate her birthday today, Dec. 15.

Amy Martin will celebrate her birthday Dec. 16.

Denise M. Cook will celebrate her 35th birthday Dec. 17.

Chelsea Burge will celebrate her 5th birthday Dec. 17.

Doug Parks will celebrate his 26th birthday Dec. 17.

Nicole Diane Bailey will cele-

brate her 18th birthday Dec. 18.

Jason J. Rainwater will celebrate his 15th birthday Dec. 19.

James J. Turner will celebrate his 15th birthday Dec. 19.

Alexander J.N. Siedhoff will celebrate his 3rd birthday Dec. 19.

Dawn Marie Staggs will celebrate her 16th birthday Dec. 19.

Betty Eichelberger will celebrate her 41st birthday Dec. 20.

Laura Marshall will cele-

brate her 14th birthday Dec. 20.

Yoshiko Thomas will celebrate a birthday Dec. 20.

Tim and Amy Robbins will celebrate their 6th anniversary Dec. 21.

Jennifer Smidly will celebrate her 13th birthday Dec. 21.

Debbie Marshall will celebrate her 38th birthday Dec. 21.

John Sammes will celebrate his 56th birthday Dec. 21.

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Crisis center gains recognition

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Billie Jean Marsh knew the Women's Crisis Center Shelter Shop was going to grow when she opened it one month.

"At first we learned by hook and crook," she said Friday.

Ten years later, the shelter shop continues to grow and expand.

The Women's Crisis Center of Metro-East board of directors recognized the shelter shop founding members and the 100 volunteers who work at the shop today.

Billie Jean and John Marsh of Belleville were among the shop's founders. Other founders recognized included Martha Diedericher, Mary Beth Schlosser, Lee

Mikesell, Kay McCoy, Nancy Hillard, Norman Hake, Peg Schmidt, Shirley Johnson, Nancy Greenberg, Jane Hamlabier, Norma Weller, Kenneth Reynolds and Katherine Philip.

Billie Jean recalled two of the center's board of directors approaching her about starting the shop 10 years ago.

"That was quite a challenge," she said. "I never really did anything like that before," said Marsh.

Billie Jean said her first job was finding a place for the shop and volunteers to oversee it.

The first shelter shop was located across the street from the present shop, which is located at 745 E. Main St. in Belleville.

Over the years, the shelter has been

run totally by volunteers. All of the items sold at the shop are donated by area communities and all of the proceeds are given directly to the Women's Crisis Center.

The Women's Crisis Center is for women and children who are trying to escape violence in their homes.

Last year, 1,660 women and 4,000 people received services offered by the center, said Alicia Chillemi, the center's director of operations.

"Last year we counseled 1,660 women, answered over 300 hotline calls and assisted 1,446 calls from men and women who were seeking orders of protection," she said.

School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, fresh orange juice; lunch: Pizza, sliced carrots, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, cup of cherries; lunch: Toasted ravioli with meat sauce, garlic cheese bread, mixed vegetables, fresh apple wedges.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, banana, toast with jelly; lunch: Baked ham, toast, bread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, peach cobbler.

Thursday — Breakfast: French toast, cup of raisins; lunch: Ham and cheese on deli bun, whole kernel corn, slice of bread, mixed fruit cup.

Friday — Breakfast: Pop tart(2), applesauce with cinnamon; lunch: Fish on bun, macaroni & cheese, peas, apricot halves.

Holiday Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Ravioli with meat sauce, peas, mixed fruit, bread.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon pretzel; lunch: Macaroni, potatoes & gravy, carrots, bread, dinner roll.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit; lunch: Hot dog on bun, oven fries, blueberry cobbler.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pop-tarts; lunch: Fried chicken,

baked potato, green beans, dinner rolls, ice cream cup.

Friday — Breakfast: Bagel, jelly, soft pretzel, bacon and celery sticks, applesauce.

Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Burrito, fruit cup; lunch: Rotini noodles with meat sauce, tossed salad, sliced bread, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Eggs, grits, sausage; lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, potato wedges, corn, cake with caramel icing.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin; lunch: Chicken wings, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, fruit.

Thursday — Breakfast: Toasted bagels, cream cheese or jelly; lunch: Tuna salad, corn, potato chips, fruit.

Holiday Family

Monday — Macaroni with meat sauce, cheese chunks, lettuce, salad, bread, baked apples.

Tuesday — Chili cheese fritters, carrot and celery sticks, peanut butter cup, jello with fruit.

Wednesday — Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, cookie.

Thursday — Sloppy Joe on bun, sliced cheese, pickle, French fries, corn, cherry crisp.

Safety center gets OK

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

The Fairview Heights Police Department has been given the green light on the public safety center at St. Clair Square after

a short delay.

The center was put on hold until given approval by the new owners of St. Clair Square, CBL & Associates Properties, Inc., based in Chattanooga, Tenn., purchased the shopping complex last month and have been working at that time were put on hold until further notice.

According to St. Clair Square General Manager Kelly Keahen, construction on the new public safety center will begin in January. Officials had originally hoped to have the center up and running by the holiday season after receiving approval from the Fairview Heights City Council in October. Council members approved the funding of the \$57,000 center which will be manned by St. Clair Square security officers and will be available for use by Fairview Heights police officers. Under a seven-year agreement between the city and St. Clair Square, the city will pay for rent-to-own to the 2,000-square-foot site which is located on the west side of the mall by Famous Barr.

"I'm happy that we're going to proceed with the center," said Fairview Heights Police Chief Roger Richards.

In the past, Richards said he was told the center could be completed within 45 days, once construction began.

Renovations to the center include removing an existing hallway and some office space. The space will be provided rent-free to the police department, with the mall paying utility costs. In addition, the police station will be accessible to the public from the parking lot and may even be used for various meetings by both the city and the community.

Currently, any official business conducted by the police department must be taken back to the station. With the new center, the work may be completed at the site.

Woodmen to meet

The Granite City Modern Woodmen Camp 3791 held its monthly meeting at Ravanelly's Thursday, Nov. 21.

MWA presented Ravanelly's a U.S. Flag to be used in the meeting room as a token of their cooperation in making our social hours a success.

A traditional turkey dinner was enjoyed.

Members and guests were asked to mark their calendars for the Dec. 19th meeting.

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LOCAL NEWS

Sherlock Holmes Madness Mystery held in Lebanon

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Those who venture to Lebanon Saturday will be charmed and sometimes alarmed.

The Lebanon's Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its first Sherlock Holmes Moonlight Madness Mystery from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The mystery is being held in conjunction with the merchant's annual moonlight midnight sale.

Several familiar faces will be trying to crack the case, including the detective himself, Sherlock Holmes, and his trusted friend and associate, Dr. John Watson.

How the mystery works

Contestants must be at 18 years of age or older to receive a clue sheet and be eligible for a prize.

All downtown participating stores will have a window poster designating them as a play location.

All stores will have clue

sheets and the final clue so customers can start or finish at any point along the trail.

The trail (this is a secret) will lead customers to all the participating business establishments in the downtown area.

A "sleuthsolve" for any customer not choosing to complete a clue (or enter a particular establishment) is included on the clue sheet.

The contestants simply need to find Sherlock Holmes or one of his associates to sign off on that clue.

A few clues will involve looking for a person along the trail of the crime.

Each clue will be in the form of a rhyme and will

reveal the name of a participating store.

When the player solves the clue, he gives the location he will need the store owner to sign or stamp the clue sheet showing he's solved the crime, but not before performing a small task.

For example, a visually challenged pachyderm will listen without fail, as you sit upon the bench and spin a wheel of a tire.

Everyone who solves the mystery will get a small gift.

Players will also encounter a few characters along the trail of the crime. For instance,

in order to legally nab the thief and retrieve the booty, the player will need to be assisted by Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson or the Bobby on duty.

Other events are planned

There are several other events planned in connection with the mystery, including free train and surrey rides.

Everyone will be a free Baker Street Journal display at McKendree College's Library. The library will be

open from noon to 5 p.m.

Meanwhile, the store, "And Thistle Dew" will be the site of a book signing by Dan Malan.

Malan, from St. Louis, will be signing his new book called "The 45 Lost Engravings" from 4:30-10 p.m.

Malan's book contains 45 illustrations from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," which had previously been lost.

Applications open for Mrs. St. Clair County

Applications are now being accepted for the title of Mrs. St. Clair County International, an official preliminary to the Mrs. Illinois International Pageant, which is to be presented at the Woodstock House May 31 and June 1.

The woman chosen as Mrs. St. Clair County will become an ambassador from the St. Clair County area and will receive the official title, sash and crown pin.

The woman chosen as Mrs. Illinois International will be presented a grand prize package including full sponsorship to the Mrs. International Pageant and a cash donation to her favorite Illinois charity to name a few.

Competitions will include interview, aerobic wear and evening gown.

There is no swimsuit or talent competition. Partial proceeds from the event will benefit the Illinois Special Olympics.

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GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Tips Ensure Gem of a Deal

(NU) — Looking for a fine jewel to give this holiday season? How can you be sure you know what you're getting? Is it really the quality you've been told it is?

The American Society of Appraisers offers the following tips to help you make your jewelry purchase:

• Find a jeweler you can trust whose salespeople have a background in gems and jewelry. A salesperson who was selling shoes yesterday will not be giving you the best advice about your jewelry purchase.

If you're buying a diamond, remember that its quality is measured by an established grading system. If you're told a stone is of a particular grade, be sure the person who graded it has gemological diploma credentials, such as a graduate gemologist diploma, a certified gemologist diploma or is a

fellow of the British Gemmological Association. Many diamonds, particularly those of fine quality, will have a grading report from a major gem lab such as GIA or EGL.

If you have any doubts about the stone, be sure you can return it if the report of a qualified appraiser shows a discrepancy in grading. An honest jeweler will back up his or her grading. Also, get the grades of the stone in writing on your sales receipt.

• Colored stones, like rubies and emeralds, have a much more complex grading system and small differences in color and clarity can lead to large differences in cost. The color you enjoy the most may not necessarily be the most valuable. Compare different stones and choose the color you like best. Usually, the fewer inclusions in the stone, the more valuable it is. Colored stones vary more widely in price than dia-

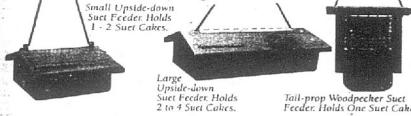
monds, so shop around and get the most for your money. Don't hesitate to get the opinion of a qualified appraiser, and if in doubt, make sure you can return the item to the store.

• Be sure you know whether the gems you're considering are natural. Many popular gemstones can now be laboratory grown. A well-educated gemologist and appraiser can tell the difference. For example, sapphires are often treated with diffusion, which is an artificial coloring method, and a new method of filling fractures in diamonds is making industrial-use diamonds available for use in jewelry. There is nothing wrong with buying or selling these treated stones, as long as the buyer knows they have been treated.

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News USA

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• Don't share holiday chocolates with pets. It acts as a stimulant and may cause increased heart rates, seizures, coma and even death.

• Keep Christmas decorations like tinsel and gift wrap away from cats who love to play. They're danger-

ous toys — when ingested by cats, they can cause an intestinal blockage or tear.

• Leftovers, like ham and chicken bones, should be kept away from pets; as they, too, can cause severe digestive problems that could require surgery.

• Keep preservatives for trees out of reach, along with electrical cords. Other holiday hazards include mistletoe and poinsettia plants — both are poisonous.

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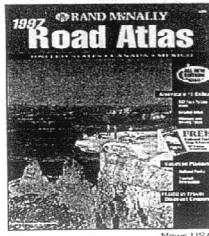
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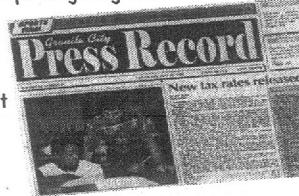
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Things That Go Burp in the Night

Holiday Overindulgence Can Lead to Nighttime Heartburn

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(NU) - The holiday season is a good time to gird yourself against GERD — gastroesophageal reflux disease, the most common symptom of which is heartburn.

Eating at late-night holiday parties provides all the ingredients for a bad case of nighttime heartburn. Eating and drinking certain types of foods or beverages and overeating shortly before bedtime also are culprits that can trigger GERD.

Gastroesophageal (pronounced gastro-esof-a-jeel) refers to the digestive system. Reflux refers to the backwash of stomach contents into the food tube.

For many, the burning sensation is temporary and usually occurs during daytime. Symptoms can be managed with over-the-counter remedies to neutralize acid contents in the stomach.

Many people, however, find that heartburn wakes them at night and is a constant source of discomfort for which antacids provide little or no relief. If neglected, it can lead to an inflamed esophagus and bleeding and narrowing of the esophagus, which may result in difficult swallowing.

Causes of Nighttime Heartburn

GERD and heartburn are "motility" disorders — those that affect the movement of food through the digestive system. Three factors involving motility can cause reflux symptoms: sluggish clearance

of the food tube; a weakened muscle of the "control valve" between the esophagus and stomach known as the lower esophageal sphincter (LES); and slow stomach emptying. A strong LES muscle helps to prevent food backup.

Treating GERD

Antacids and acid reducers can neutralize acid content in the stomach. But for symptoms of a weak LES muscle or slow contractions in the esophagus or stomach, no amount of such agents will work.

Perhaps the most promising treatment of motility-related gastrointestinal disorders such as nighttime heartburn lies with prokinetic agents such as Propulsid, which increases the overall motility of the digestive tract and reduces reflux.

GIFTS FOR KIDS

Books, Toys Give Children "Goosebumps"

News USA

loween or any time of the year. Here are a few tips for throwing your own "Goosebumps" party:

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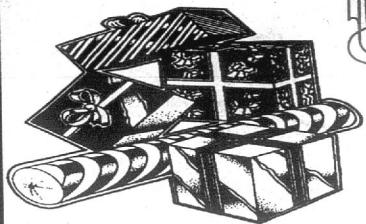
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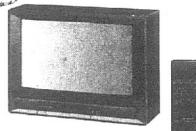
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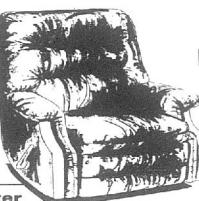


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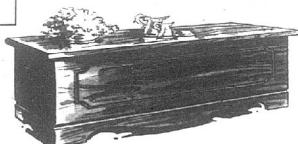
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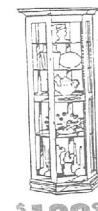


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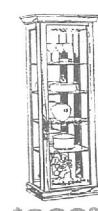


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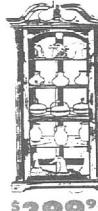
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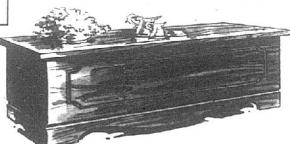
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Illinois cracks down on hepatitis immunization for kids

New Illinois immunization regulations require all students entering the fifth grade after July 1, 1997, to have received three doses of hepatitis B vaccine.

In addition, children 2 years of age or older enrolling after July 1 in pre-kindergarten programs operated by a school will need to show proof of hepatitis B immunization.

The first two doses of the vaccine are to be given four weeks apart. The third shot must be received at least two months after the second.

"Since it takes a minimum of three months to complete the three-dose series of shots, parents of children who will be affected by the new requirements should begin planning the immunizations now," Dr.

Hopkins said. "The vaccine will provide protection against a very serious disease, which has no cure."

Hepatitis B is caused by a virus that attacks the liver and is spread by direct contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person. A baby can get hepatitis B from an infected mother during childbirth. A person can be a carrier of

the disease, but know it and have no symptoms and unknowingly pass it on to others. State law requires that all pregnant women be tested for hepatitis

B early in their pregnancies or at the time of delivery. Babies who get hepatitis B at birth may have the virus the rest of their lives, can spread the disease and may develop cirrhosis of the liver or liver cancer.

The Illinois School Code was changed this year to include the hepatitis B immunization requirement. The new law requirement applies to fifth graders in all schools and to

children 2 years of age or older in all school or school district operated programs such as nursery school, early childhood school or pre-kindergarten. Children enrolled in

the federally funded Head Start program previously had been required by federal law to show proof of hepatitis B immunization.

Fifth graders were targeted because they already are required to have a physical examination before beginning fifth grade and the vaccine will provide them protection before the onset of risk-taking behaviors.

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time out to celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving. Sister Dolores D'Elia, the teacher, made Pilgrim and Indian costumes for the class and read stories to the boys and girls about the餐食 surrounding the first Thanksgiving. In the week preceding the feast, the children put up new decorations each day to make a setting for the celebration. Finally, when the scene was



complete, the children put on the costumes and feasted on the traditional turkey, cranberry sauce, candy corn, cookies and cranberry juice. After the feast, Sr. Dolores read again the story of the Pilgrims' voyage across the ocean and thanks they gave God for the bounty and friends He provided.

The children, left to right, top photo, are Andy Peterson, Michael Krystopek, Elizabeth Hoffman and Rachel Pistorius. At bottom photo, the children enjoy the feast.

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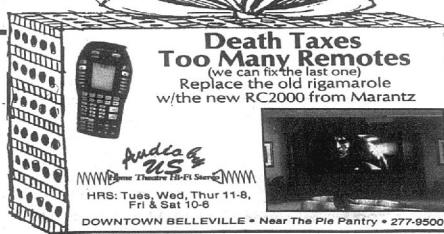
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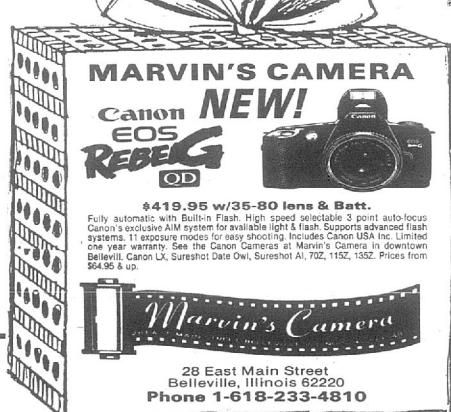
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Wedding flowers — Nancy Shattuck of Granite City learns to make a boutonniere in one of the Bridal Designs workshops offered through Belleville Area College's Saturday Experience program at the Granite City Campus. In the class, students learned to make floral arrangements ranging from centerpieces to corsages for weddings.

Theta Epsilon inducts 118 new members

The Theta Epsilon, Belleville chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the two-year college, inducted 118 new members during its Oct. 16 Induction Ceremony.

* Alhambra: Dora Fickinger.

* Belleville: Aimée Barbeau, Allen Combs, Amy McDade, Diane Rilling, Cindy Reardon, Christopher Elliott, David Dailey, David Rasbold, Dianna Hainline, Elissa Mosher, Josie Restivo, Kelly Gauch, Kent Wasmund, Kimberly Wilson, Kristy Goto, Laura Sims, Loretta Garing, Melissa Gard, Michael Weil, Millicent Mackey, Monica Birrell, Onna Laffen, Pamela Hall, Roberta Jones, Renee Mueth, Richard Spiegel, Rita Ledeo, Sandra Hartmann, Tamara Simmonds, Tammi Ladd, Tracy Stroh, Terri Halvach, and Valerie Coleman.

* Cahokia: Angela Larson, Brian Phillips, and Karen Morgan.

* Caseyville: Steven Flemke.

* Collinsville: Carla Thompson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Marcia Massey, and Robert Jackson.

* Columbia: Charles Abernathy, Daniel McFarlane, Dawn LaFata, Eileen Wuerz, and Lisa Mccall.

* East Carondelet: Anne Marie Connolly.

* Edgemont: Mildred Holmes.

* Edwardsville: Michael Hargrave.

* Fairview Heights: Anna Kitson, Jody Rodgers, Kathy Slemeck, and Michael Horowitz.

* Freeburg: Kristine Kessler.

* Fults: Aileen Neeley and Eric White.

* Hecker: Lisa Daniels.

* Mascoutah: Christopher Lockwood.

* Millstadt: David Rowe, Jaclyn Guebert and Michelle Traiteur.

* New Athens: Andria Matzembacher.

* O'Fallon: Christina England, Danny Wills, Darlene Leatherwood, Deborah Belsheim, Edward Burkley, Harold Rose, Heather Fisher, Janice Johnson, Kimberly Kowalewsky, Mahry, Melissa Jost, Nancy Mirtle, Tracy Stern, and Vicki Evans.

* Red Bud: John Parker, Stacy Curten and Stephanie Kuhn.

* Scott Air Force Base: Amy Donathan, Brenda Edwards, Carla Reid, Holly Pottenburgh, Janayn Bridges, Karen Jelbeck, and Linda Lovell.

* Shiloh: Linda Fingerhut.

* Swansea: David Wolfson, Felicia Fisher, Gloria Lima, Mary Ann Hascall, and Melissa Schleifer.

* Trenton: Jared Hammer and Kristin Hammer.



Good students — October Students of the month at Marshall School include, from left, back row, Jenna Griffin, Heather Beljanski, Nelson Provence, Michael Besserman, Dustin Campbell, Principal Virgil Kambarian, Joseph Butler, and Joshua Borkowski; front row, Chris Kudelka, Falisha Hoffman, Derek Campbell, Stiel Wall, Larry Turner and Kyle Jackson. Students not pictured are Jamie DeGonia and Michael Billick. These students were selected for outstanding citizenship, academic performance, responsibility and behavior.



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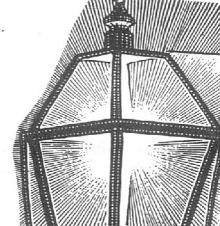
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Sunday, Dec. 15
Mars in Virgo is challenging the sun in Sagittarius, making arguments likely. Virgo's shy and retiring nature will help him hold his ground, but still be on the lookout for a disagreement. Don't let ego get in the way, and try to see the bigger picture. The Aquarius will help you to think clearly and precisely. Say only what must be said today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Join people rather than work alone. Consider moving to improve a child's schooling. You realize a creative goal with help from a partner or relative. Elaborate plans pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 19). Implications of what a new love says are staggering. Consider the correct. Your family reversal is decision. Ultimatums will not be enforced. Expect specifications are required for a new project.

GEMINI (May 20-June 21).

You have been sidetracked by

unimportant issues. Remegotiate contracts in a friendly manner. Take photographs of loved ones. Make preparations to entertain new friends. Move

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are fast through informed educational methods. Do not renege on a promise. Romantic endeavors are frustrating but necessary if you want to move forward. A Pisces offers a compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A platonic friend is ripe for love. Roadblocks to career progress are temporary. Unusually neighbors reject your fabulous ideas. Luck comes through an in-law or former colleague. A Libra pays debt.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 22).

The year is when other participants seem less than thrilled. Be a solo worker. Luck comes when you level up your current love, who really cares about you. Get accomplished about what you can

achieve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21).

Rebuild family ties before you look to remarry. Fine success through friends who are in similar financial or emotional states. You trounce competitors at sporting or group

events. Luck in business comes in April, especially if you team up with a Virgo or Gemini. Romantic relationships take a dramatic swing toward commitment in June. New career possibilities abound in the next two months. Take care in accepting offers.

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 22). Be firm with people who have good intentions but who monopolize your time and efforts. Superior demands are too shallow for you. Mature Capricorns bring you luck and money. Less is more.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The implication of wrongdoing is almost as bad as the act. Stepchildren may bring trouble. You have luck with short trips taken on the spur of the moment. Let go of old hurt feelings. Gemini.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Give to people who appreciate you. You have reached the halfway mark in a relationship. You are coming to a period of work and compromise. The rewards will be plenty. Brush up on musical or artistic talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Shared partners could take advantage of you in a social setting. Troubling news about a teen is untrue. Solutions are in store when you discuss financial problems. Remarks from an Aries friend are not directed at you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Others bend rules around you. Help your marriage partner find dignity in a new profession. You receive gifts, offers and invitations — accept them enthusiastically. A Capricorn rushes to your side.

'Crucible' makes stirring film

Arthur Miller's benchmark play, "The Crucible," makes a stirring film, courtesy of director Nicholas Hytner, who proves that his 1989 movie version, "The Crucible," of King George's "was no fluke."

A seasoned opera and stage director in his native England and New York, Hytner's production of "The Crucible" is a rare theater animal who seems fully assured on screen.

This time, he has a valuable asset: a fresh screenplay by Miller that stands among the 81-year-old writer's finest achievements. The play may have been written in 1953, but its real power — McCarthy blacklisting, but its resonances have not faded. There's not a more topical movie around.

These days, the film is no longer one that is labeled a communist. Instead, Miller's depictions of the Salem witch hunt in 17th-century Massachusetts tap directly into the real-life battles of the religious right and the persecution of "deviants" who fail to conform to the perceived norm.

That hard-working farmer

John Proctor (Daniel Day-Lewis) is brought down by adultery may strike a few chords, as well; the wages of sin, apparently, have not changed.

The film begins with a covert ritual in the woods whose participants include the aging Proctor, Abigail Williams (Winona Ryder), his family's onetime servant. Stripping off her clothes and smearing blood on her face, Abigail and several others in the town go to sudden transports of ecstasy thought to be the work of Satan.

They soon are branded as witches, and accusations spread through the community abetted by the Rev. Hale (Rob Campbell), whose eventual recognition of the trouble he has helped to create.

The "witchcraft" turns out to be more like sexual hysteria — a contagion that strikes both Proctor and wife Elizabeth (Meryl Streep). After Albee's play, the trial of Danforth (Paul Scofield), a judge as concerned with saving face as he is with justice, Proctor's morality is put to a potentially

fatal test. He must confront the wrath of Abigail, a woman spurned who sees herself as God's gift. Once accused, she is more than able to act the accuser.

Few works have the sheer moral weight of "The Crucible," and among Hytner's achievements that he conveys this probity without letting the film become high-handed. (In this, he's helped by a final image that elated an audience at a screening.)

Any priggishness comes from Proctor himself. Day-Lewis plays him as a rugged, Macho man of unwavering principles. The film might have been even more disturbing if one felt Proctor drawn — however subliminally — to Abigail.

"The Crucible" is a 20th Century Fox release of a David V. Picker production, produced by Michael and Alan J. Miller (of "Arthur"), co-produced is Diana Pokorny. It opened in New York and Los Angeles on Wednesday.

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- Trim your tree with fresh fruit instead of candy. This will make an attractive decoration as well as put a nutritious snack within easy reach.

- If you're going to visit, serve sliced raw vegetables and low calorie dips instead of cheese, nuts or chips.

- Remember to stock up on diet sodas and soft drinks. These contain at least 100 calories less per can than their sugared counterparts.

- Replace fattening sweets with low-calorie stocking stuffers such as sugar-free gum and fruit.

On late winter evenings, relax in front of the fire with a steaming mug of hot cocoa.

Offer a toast on Christmas Eve with an easy-to-make, reduced-calorie eggnog:

Combine two egg yolks and four cups of skim milk over medium heat until the mixture coats a metal spoon. Cool.

Beat two egg whites to a peak and blend them in the mixture. Add one teaspoon vanilla extract, three packets of low-calorie sweetener and one-half teaspoon brandy or rum flavoring.

Gently mix, cover and chill. Sprinkle nutmeg on the top for a holiday treat.

Tips on caring for your Holiday Plants from the experts at

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

These days and counting. The kids are home again with excitement, the house is decorated and family gatherings are planned. There's a lot going on that makes this time of year something special indeed.

Forgotten anything? How about your holiday plants? It's easy to overlook them, that's for sure. They don't need a lot of care, though, but they cannot be ignored. Here are some tips to keep 'em healthy and beautiful throughout the holiday season.

Norfolk Island Pines prefer medium light from an east or west window, so if you have such a spot available, move the plant. If not, you may have to provide supplemental lighting.

These plants have a tendency to bend toward the light they're receiving, so it may be necessary to turn them now and then to keep their full shape.

They grow best in well-drained potting soil and should be watered when the top inch or two of the soil dries.

After the holiday season, the Norfolk Island Pine will require plant food every two weeks from April to September.

The Norfolk Island Pine can be kept as a houseplant throughout the year.

One Cactus, Two Cacti?

Cacti or cactuses, either word is correct; we happen to prefer cactus. When you call ours, they produce bright magenta, pink, white or lavender blooms just in time for the holiday season.

While they're in bloom, allow one quarter of the soil to dry between waterings and provide a flowering plant food. Several weeks after flowering, your holiday cactus will go dormant. Don't panic, it's normal. When it happens:

- Discontinue fertilizer. Water only enough to keep it from completely drying out.

- Wait for new growth before resuming the

watering and feeding schedule.

To initiate flowering, long nights (14 to 16 hours of darkness) are necessary. And you're in luck. Next week, the periods of darkness are as long as they're going to get. Cacti also need temperatures between 50° and 65°F.

Don't change the plant's position or light once buds have formed. This may cause buds to stretch and drop. Improper watering, low humidity, drafts or sudden environmental changes will do the same.

Poinsettias

Avoid placing the plant in areas subject to rapid temperature fluctuations. This can cause leaf drop.

Make sure the plant's foliage is not touching windows, which could result in leaf damage. Allow the top 1/4-inch of the soil to dry between waterings.

Don't overwater your poinsettia. As with most other houseplants, too much water is as bad as too little. You should only water when the top of the soil feels dry to the touch. Make sure the drainage holes in the container aren't blocked.

Customs of Christmas

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Choose games for children

Your child has been subjected to thousands of television commercials, each vying for a share of your wallet this holiday season.

How can you, as a parent, be sure that the game you purchase is a good value in more than financial terms?

What points should you consider as you roam the aisles of your local toy store?

And most important of all, will your child have fun playing the game?

Game play brings children families and friends together for loads of conversation, laughter and good fun.

That's why board games figure high on kids' wish lists for birthdays, holidays and other special occasions.

Playing board games with children provides excellent opportunities for parents to become involved in their children's development, said Brian Sutton-Smith of the University of Pennsylvania

Graduate School of Education.

"Parents who participate in their children's play are better equipped to select and match toys to each child's interests and abilities," Sutton-Smith said.

Board games are an entertaining way to teach children new skills, such as color recognition, matching objects, or following rules.

"All good games are educational, often in ways that are overlooked."

Preschoolers learn to concentrate and to follow instructions from simple games.

Older children increase their coordination from physical games, and practice memory, logical reasoning, and planning ahead through board games.

Ruth B. Roufberg, toy consultant and researcher on play-related learning, asks

three questions of each game she reviews:

1. Does the game match the child's interest and abilities?

Three-year-olds are just learning the basics of game play.

2. Is the game fun to play again and again?

The question to determine if children would enjoy a game is to ask,

"Trust their experiences in playing with their friends." As the game is used and playing pieces durable enough to survive long-term play?

Parents need to consider the quality of a product when selecting a game.

Professors produce dissolving plastics

Designing degradable plastics for food-service industry is not a new concept, but researchers at the University of Illinois are offering an added incentive for food-service companies to afford plastic.

Scott Morris, assistant professor of food engineering; L.S. Wei, professor of food science; and Pradeep Patel, assistant professor of food science, are creating corn-based plastics that can dissolve in water in one hour.

Time and money are both valuable resources to manage for holiday party planning. You can save money by preparing all the food for a party by yourself, but you can also do all of the cleaning and decorating while working all day, you might choose to save your time and energy by having all the food made for the food catered. Weigh the benefits of saving money versus your time and energy.

Another option might be to serve food that you prepared at advance and brought our for serving. If you do prepare the food yourself, avoid recipes that call for a lot of last minute work.

Christmas success does not require excessive spending

Last Christmas season, you spent too much money on yuletide festivities.

This year you can still entertain relatives and friends without blowing your family budget, according to Amy Griswold, University of Illinois Extension consumer economics educator in Macomb. The success of holiday parties or get-togethers does not depend on extravagant spending.

"The pleasure of sharing with friends is the most important feature of the holidays," Griswold said. "A relaxed, friendly host and hostess who make their guests feel welcome will create many fond memories than those who are stressed from overspending and overwork in party preparation."

It takes some planning to save money on holiday entertaining. Decide how much money you want to spend and how many people you would like to invite. Consider whether you want one large party or several small, intimate ones.

Also, take into consideration how much room you have in your home with enough space for many guests to invite. If you have a small home, an open-house or cocktail party might be preferable to a sit-down dinner.

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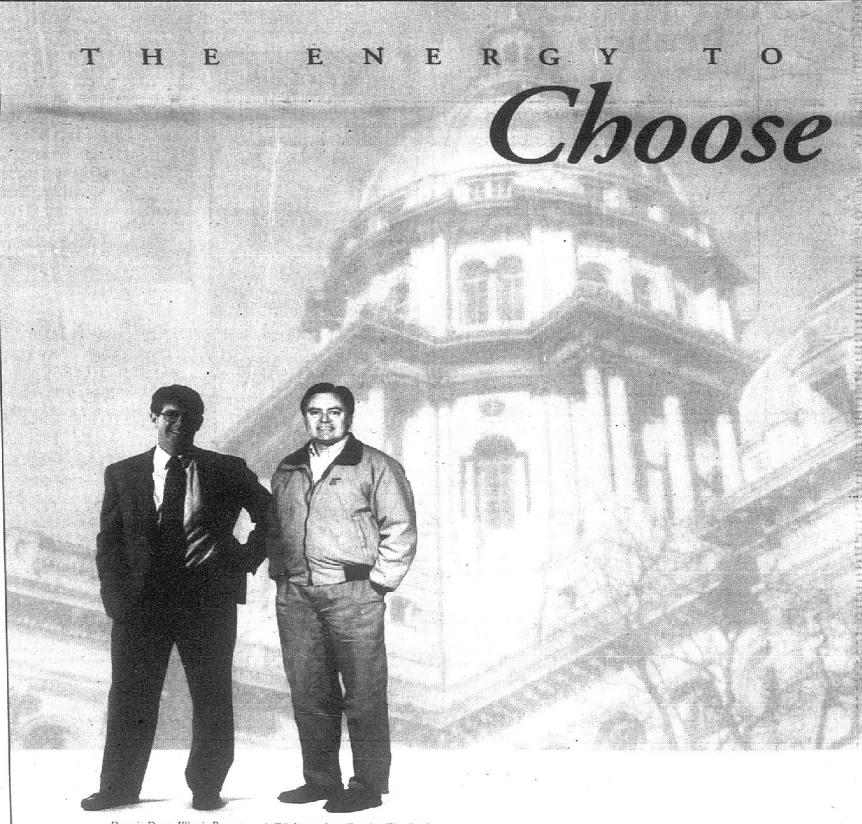
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vs.
Hubert Richmond, Hairs and Legates of Hubert Richmond, Hairs and Legates of Hubert Richmond, Owners, Globe Tax Service, Corporation, Defendants.
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: Heirs and Legatees of Hubert Richmond, Hairs and Legates of Hubert Richmond, Owners, Globe Tax Service, Corporation, Defendants.
Notice is hereby given of the pendency of the above-referenced suit and the improvements upon the property described as follows:
Lots 15, 16, and 17 in Block 3 in North Granite, a subdivision in the City of Granite City, Illinois, in the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville, Illinois, in the Madison County Probate Court will be held before the presiding Probate Judge.
The Will and statement of Bennie Joe White, dated December 1, 1996, was filed in the Probate Court in the State of Illinois, in the Madison County Probate Court in Edwardsville, Illinois, in the Madison County Probate Court will be held before the presiding Probate Judge.
All persons having interest in the above-referenced property in the State of Illinois, in the Madison County Probate Court will be held before the presiding Probate Judge.
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If you fall to enter your appearance in said proceedings, you will be deemed to have waived your right to appear at the hearing on said Petition. Failure to do so does not affect your right to appear at the hearing on said Petition, if you appear after January 20, 1997 and judgment entered for the Plaintiff.
DATED at Granite City, Illinois, this 9 day of December, 1996.
MATT MELLOCH
Notary Public Court
BY: EDWARD C. FITZHENRY, JR.
#00162018
1009 Delmar Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63120
816-876-8500
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NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Roosevelt Bank, A Federal Savings
& Loan, Plaintiff,
vs.
Basil P. Williams, Internal
Revenue Service, UNKNOWN
OWNERS and NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on September 30, 1996, following described real estate will be offered for sale and sold at public venue.
The property is improved with a single family home.
Sale will be made for cash in hand to the highest bidder on the date aforesaid.

The judgment amount was \$23,839.63.
The property is being sold in as "as is" condition.
No title guarantees will be made. Property is being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes and assessments.

Premises will not open for inspection.
The attorney for the Plaintiff shown at the conclusion of this Notice can be contacted for information regarding the real estate.

Bill T. Walker ILL. #02921782
Attorney & Counselor at Law
1033 Johnson Rd.
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(618) 452-3200

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached document was deposited in the United States Mail on the 30th day of September, 1996, in Granite City, Illinois, with proper postage prepaid, addressed to:

Basil P. Williams
Internal Revenue Service
650 Missouri Ave.
St. Louis, IL 62201

By T. Wall

#40GC 12/15, 12/22/29

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Florence E. Marson, Deceased, Plaintiff,
vs.
Estate of Florence E. Marson, Defendants.

No title guarantees will be made. Property is being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes and assessments.

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Defendants.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on September 26, 1996, following described real estate, to-wit:

Parcel 1: The Southerly 10 feet of lot 5 and the Northerly 10 feet of lot 6 in the Wulffmeyer Tract Addition to Granite City, as shown on the plat thereof recorded in the Madison County Recorder's Office in Plat Book 6 Page 4, in Madison County, Illinois.

Parcel 2: The South 30 feet of Lot 7 in Block 1 in Madison County Youree's First Subdivision of the Wulffmeyer Tract Addition to Granite City, as shown on the plat thereof recorded in the Madison County Recorder's Office in Plat Book 6 Page 4, in Madison County, Illinois.

Parcel 3: The South 20 feet of Lot 8 in Block 1 in Madison County Youree's First Subdivision of the Wulffmeyer Tract Addition to Granite City, as shown on the plat thereof recorded in the Madison County Recorder's Office in Plat Book 6 Page 4, in Madison County, Illinois.

Parcel 4: The South 20 feet of Lot 9 in Block 1 in Madison County Youree's First Subdivision of the Wulffmeyer Tract Addition to Granite City, as shown on the plat thereof recorded in the Madison County Recorder's Office in Plat Book 6 Page 4, in Madison County, Illinois.

Community known as 2014 Missouri, Granite City, Illinois (Parcel 1), and 2012 Missouri, Granite City, Illinois (Parcel 2) will on the 13th day of January, 1997, be offered for sale and sold at public venue in the Madison County Courthouse, in Courtroom 103 or where designated by the Court, Edwardsville, Illinois, to be offered for sale and sold at public venue.

The property is improved with a single family home.

Sale will be made for cash in hand to the highest bidder on the date aforesaid.

The judgment amount was \$6,791.22.

The property is being sold in as "as is" condition.

No title guarantees will be made. Property is being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes and assessments.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In the Matter of the Estate of BENNIE JOE WHITE, Deceased, Plaintiff, vs. BENNIE JOE WHITE, Deceased, Plaintiff.

All persons are hereby notified of the death of Bennie Joe White, deceased, on January 2, 1997, in a Petition for Probate of Will filed on January 3, 1997, in a "Petition for Probate of Will" on January 3, 1997, in the Madison County Probate Court in Edwardsville, Illinois, in the Madison County Probate Court will be held before the presiding Probate Judge.

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LOCAL NEWS

Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, Dec. 15. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

ALTON CINE

2840 Clay Ave., 462-1131
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:20, 5:10, 7:30
AVALON
4228 S. Kinghighway, 323-2424
Check theater for shows and times

CHESTERFIELD

588 Chesterfield Mall, 532-0155
Jerry Maguire (R) 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 8:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Daylight (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 8:30

CLARKSON D CINE

1028 Clarkson Ave., 822-4800
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:05, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
Ransom (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:15
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:00

CARMIC PETITE

1-70 and Hwy. 187, Collinsville, 344-1708
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:00, 3:20, 7:00, 9:20
Space Jam (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30
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CEDARWOOD PLAZA 10

248 Cedarwood Plaza, 988-8500
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:15
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:40, 5:10, 8:10
Ransom (R) 1:45, 6:25, 7:30, 8:25
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:40
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Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 1:30, 5:05, 8:05
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CREEVE COEUR CINE

10570 Old Olive Street, 822-4900
Ransom (R) 1:25, 4:45, 8:00
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:00
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CROSS KEY CINEMA

110 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lindbergh & New Halls Ferry, 921-8999
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DES PERES 14 CINE

Manchester & L-270, 822-9900
Space Jam (PG) 12:15, 2:25, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
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KELLER PLAZA 8 CINE

2800 Keller Drive, 822-4900
Space Jam (PG) 1:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:00
Set It Off (R) 1:40, 5:40, 8:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45
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KENRICK 8 CINE

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